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## Anger on left as leadership rejects disarmament call

# Kinnock beaten in nuclear vote

**● Mr Neil Kinnock suffered a triple defeat yesterday when the Labour conference voted by large majorities to continue the party's policy on unilateralism**

**● The party was committed by a majority of 1,244,000 to removing all nuclear weapons from Britain in the lifetime of its first parliament**

**● Mr Kinnock said that the votes "were not conclusive. It is our duty to secure a policy for defence that can secure the support of the people"**

**● Mr Ron Todd, who cast the transport workers' 1.25 million votes against the leadership on all the key issues, was given a hero's welcome from the left**

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership pledged last night to press on with its attempt to change the party's controversial defence policy despite its defeat yesterday as the Labour conference voted heavily to restate the party's commitment to unilateralism.

Mr Neil Kinnock was denied the explicit authority he had sought for change when the conference in Blackpool defeated by 335,000 votes a motion designed to give party leaders a free hand in determining how Britain's nuclear weapons should be removed.

A defiant Mr Kinnock said last night that the conference votes, which came after the most passionate and bitter debate of the conference, "were not conclusive." The policy review would go on, he said. "It is our duty to secure a policy for defence and nuclear disarmament that can secure the support of the people of our country".

The conference also passed by majorities of more than a million, and 480,000, motions reaffirming the party's existing unilateralist policy.

Party leaders provoked the fury of the left by making plain that the decisions are not instructions to the group which is charged with putting a new policy to the conference next year.

They are to use the passage by the conference of the group's interim report as a mandate to explore the possibility of a Labour government giving up Britain's nuclear weapons as part of the world disarmament process, or in a reciprocal deal with the Soviet Union.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow foreign secretary and co-chairman of the group, told a press conference it would conduct a thorough review.

"We are determined in conducting that review not to pre-empt decisions. We will not make any decisions until March or April next year." The decisions in no way limited the scope of the review.

Mr Ken Livingstone, far left member of the national executive, said it was embarrassing to listen to front bench spokesmen twisting and turning and paring away at the meaning of words. "If they try to change the policy they will throw away a year's campaigning against the Government."

Mr Dennis Skinner, the new party chairman, said if the leadership just carried on regardless they "will store up even more trouble".

Despite the severe setback of yesterday's votes, the leadership took comfort in the size of the vote for a compromise motion designed to leave the party's options open.

It was said that it was the biggest vote for a policy other than outright unilateralism for some time. The votes on the unilateralist motions were also closer than similar decisions in recent years.

Mr Denis Healey, the former Cabinet minister, said afterwards: "We would never have got as close as 300,000 votes in previous years. In another year we will be able to swing it."

Mr Martin O'Neill, the defence spokesman, said the vote on the compromise motion represented a marked shift away from existing party thinking. That change would have to be taken account of, in the way the other decisions were taken account of, he said.

But the series of defeats inflicted on the leadership underlined the difficulty Mr Kinnock will have in forcing through a change next year, if the review group concludes that a "something for something" policy is achievable.

The conference voted by large majorities for motions reaffirming unilateralism, the first committing Labour to removing all nuclear weapons from Britain in the lifetime of its first parliament, which had a majority of 1, 244,000.

The biggest blow to Mr Kinnock was on the compromise motion, backed by several big unions.

The defeat became almost certain yesterday morning when the National Union of Public Employees decided to cast its 600,000 votes against it.The motion, denounced throughout the debate by the left as a fudge, called for the elimination of nuclear weapons by "unilateral, bilateral and multilateral steps."

Mr Kaufman and Mr O'Neill are to visit Moscow in January to explore the ground for a reciprocal deal.

That will be followed later by a trip to the Soviet capital by Mr Kinnock for talks on the issue with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

The review group report, which was carried unanimously, gives it the authority to go ahead and examine the detailed negotiating strategy and timetable for achieving Labour's non-nuclear policy.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers, said there had been a substantial shift of opinion in the party.

"It went through on a three to one majority last year but this time the majority was much smaller." The leadership will be pleased as they now have a mandate to consider a range of defence arrangements.

Mr Bill Jordan, general secretary of the AEU, said the unilateralists were completely at odds with the majority of British people.

"There is one note of encouragement in the vote, the size of the crazy vote is getting smaller each year", he said.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, who moved the compromise motion, said the public were confused by jargon.

Mr Ron Todd, who cast the TGWU's 1.25 million votes against the leadership on all the key issues, was given a hero's welcome from the left when he said that the leadership motion would open the door for a delay in achieving Labour's non-nuclear policy."If we give an inch it will lead to a mile, and another mile and another mile".



*A pensive Mr Kinnock during the defence debate yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris)*

Sir Geoffrey Howe warned last night that Labour's defence policy threatened to return Britain "disarmed and irrelevant" to a downward path to oblivion. His comments, in a pamphlet called *The Conservative Revival of Britain* and timed to coincide with the foreign affairs debate at Labour's conference, asserted that the Conservatives understood the British people's concern over defence whereas Labour did not.

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## British Steel sell-off is planned for next month

By Carol Ferguson

The privatization of British Steel, the biggest-ever flotation of an industrial manufacturing company in Britain, is scheduled for next month, Lord Young of Graffham, the Trade Secretary, announced yesterday. The share sale will be targeted primarily at British institutions, overseas investors and the "sophisticated" private investor.

Although payment for the shares will be in two instalments, the advertising campaign has been designed to attract the well-heeled private investor rather than the legendary "Sid", target of the British Gas campaign.

As a result, there will be no loyalty bonus of free shares, which has been a feature of past privatizations. It is also likely that the minimum size of any application to buy shares will be higher than before — possibly £500 or more.

Government embarrassment over the disastrous BP sell-off last year and the enactment of the Financial Services Act mean the British Steel marketing campaign will be a much more low-key affair than in previous privatizations. The emphasis will be on informing potential investors of the strengths of British Steel, advising them that the flotation is taking place and inviting them to seek further information.

A British Steel share information office has been established. The telephone number is (0272) 272 272, and the lines will be open 24 hours a day. Postal inquiries can be sent to PO Box 1, Bristol, BS99 1BS.

A maximum of 10 per cent of the shares is being reserved for British Steel's 53,000 employees and 200,000 pensioners, including 100,000 deferred pensioners. Employees will be offered £70 worth of free shares. They will be offered further free shares to a maximum of £330 in the ratio of two free shares for every one bought, and can buy up to £2,200 worth of shares at a 10 per cent discount. Employees, pensioners and deferred pensioners will be given priority to buy up to £10,000 worth of shares.

The news came as no surprise to the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the biggest union in the corporation, although Mr Roy Evans, the general secretary, said it was being done "with indecent haste," (Tim Jones writes).

Mr Evans said he did not think in the short term the sale would have any effect on the workforce, which had been cut back since the 1980 steel strike from 80,000 to 70,000.

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WIN £250,000

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

● The £4,000 daily prize was won yesterday by one reader (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands unchanged at £250,000.

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## False start for Tokyo

A million-dollar athletics meeting in Tokyo, meant as a celebration of the Olympics, will take place tomorrow without the presence of television cameras should Emperor Hirohito die within the next 24 hours. A planned re-match between Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson which was scheduled for the meeting has already been scuppered because of drug-taking in Seoul..Page 44

## Bid dispute

Boardroom papers were released by Minorco as a dispute broke out with its bid target, Consolidated Gold Fields, over merger proposals.

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## Tube fire victims get lawyer

The Board of London Regional Transport yesterday decided that it would pay for a barrister to represent the families of those killed in the King's Cross fire at the inquest which started on Tuesday.

At first LRT had refused to pay, saying it had already met the families' legal costs for the 91-day official inquiry.

Six of the families had agreed to pay to be represented by Mr Charles Pugh, who acted for them at the inquiry, because, said Mrs Deidre Holloway, whose brother Mr Christopher Roome died, LTR had tried to use the inquest to exonerate itself.

Lawyers for LRT have cross-examined witnesses in an attempt to show that the fire was comparatively small until the unexpected explosion in which the victims died.

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**Pinochet plebiscite defeat**

## Chilean Cabinet resigns

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

The predominantly civilian Cabinet offered its resignation to President Pinochet of Chile yesterday after he was defeated in the plebiscite over his continued rule.

An opposition leader, Señor Ricardo Lagos, said the move was "a good sign", while demonstrators began to gather in central Santiago to celebrate the opposition victory and press for General Pinochet to leave office.

Riot police were reported to have fired tear gas and water cannon to break up a crowd of protesters who were marching on the presidential palace, chanting "Pinochet has fallen".

Señor Patricio Aylwin, the spokesman for the 16-party coalition that led the "no" campaign, also asked the Government to release the former Chancellor, Señor Clodomiro Almeyda, who has been jailed since he returned to Chile illegally last year, and two union leaders, internally exiled this month for calling a national strike against the military regime last year.

But Señor Aylwin rejected speculation that General Pinochet's defeat might lead to a hardening of attitude by the military or trigger a coup.

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Observers had suggested that the President might appoint a military Cabinet to replace the mostly civilian ministers who resigned yesterday.

One of General Pinochet's most loyal supporters, Señor Jaime Guzman, acknowledged the opposition victory and insisted that the procedures under the 1980 Constitution should be respected. Technically, General Pinochet would continue in office until March, 1990, presiding over multi-candidate elections scheduled for the end of next year. Spokesmen for the main opposition parties called for immediate talks with representatives of the regime.

Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, the leader of the pro-government National Renovation Party, who earlier warned that the regime should hold multi-candidate elections rather than a referendum, said he thought that a deal between the opposition and the armed forces would be possible.

As the news of General Pinochet's defeat spread early yesterday, thousands of euphoric opponents celebrated in the streets of Santiago.

● LONDON: The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was "encouraged" by the Chilean Government's acceptance of the "no" vote.

## Drug sold to Johnson physician

Toronto (Reuter) — A drug company said yesterday that it sold to Ben Johnson's personal physician anabolic steroids of the kind that cost the Canadian sprinter his Olympic gold medal.

Dr George Astaphan bought the muscle-building substance from Sterling Drug Ltd, a spokesman said. "When this issue came forward, we reviewed our records and can confirm we sold Stanozolol to Dr Astaphan."

Stanozolol was found in Johnson's urine after his record-breaking win in the 100 metres at the Seoul Olympics.

Dr Astaphan has given conflicting versions of his use of steroids. He said on American television last week that he had never used anabolic steroids. But, two days later, he told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that he had prescribed them, but not to Johnson.

## Law lords likely to allow Spycatcher extracts



Mr Peter Wright: Decision on reprinting his allegations.

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lawyers have predicted a Pyrrhic victory for the Government when the House of Lords delivers its final judgement in the *Spycatcher* case next Thursday.

Technically, the five law lords may find in favour of the Government, but they are expected to hold that newspapers should be free to publish because of the widespread availability of the book.

In the marathon case, which has now been through the legal system twice, the Government is seeking a ban on publication by the British press of extracts from *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, a former MI5 officer. The five law lords are likely to give individual judgements. Lord Keith of Kinkel, as the senior of the five, will give the first. But that of Lord Goff of Chieveley is also keenly awaited.

Lawyers believe that while the law lords may lift the injunction now stopping the British media from publishing material from the book, they may hold that the Government is entitled to an account of profits from the publishers, Heinemann, because of Mr Wright's breach of confidence.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, who achieved stardom as Mr Wright's lawyer in Australia, will be in London for the judgement. He is giving a lecture to the Law Society on Tuesday on the subject, "rights of audience".

Yesterday, Mr David Hooper, Heinemann's lawyer, said that in his view costs incurred by the Government worldwide at the end of the House of Lords hearing in June had reached at least £3 million.

Depending on what the law lords' ruling, the Government might be able to recoup a small proportion of that amount.

One such avenue would be if the The appeal by the Government to the Lords was against a ruling by the Court of Appeal in February that freed the British media to publish allegations contained in *Spycatcher*.

The law lords' ruling is likely to determine the outcome of other outstanding *Spycatcher* proceedings including contempt proceedings against *The Sunday Times*, *The Independent* and two London evening papers for publishing in alleged breach of the injunction.




### TOMORROW IN COLOUR

● Tomorrow *The Times* will appear in four sections, with full colour in each.

**When the wind went mad**



● A year ago this month the storm of the century swept by night across southern Britain. Thirty lives were lost, and 15 million trees.

● Will the damage ever be repaired? In the Review section tomorrow *The Times* tests the country's recovery rate.

**Boxing clever**



● George Walker's rise out of the boxing ring to become head of a multi-million pound company reads like a film script. In the Money section, he tells *The Times* how he did it.

● **Also in colour:** why London fashions are setting a style for the world; how the "Czech Grand National" attracts the devil-may-care British; and the holiday appeal of Himalayan hill stations.

### NEXT WEEK

● Craig Brown has left his sketch-writer's seat in Westminster for the pleasures of the Spectrum page. His regular column, with its irregular look at life, begins on Monday.

NEWS ROUNDUP

## Plea to end boy's 'inhuman' plight

Education, health and social services were told by a High Court judge yesterday to "get their skates on" and solve the crisis of a violent and disturbed deaf boy aged 15. The boy has spent the past two years as the only child in a mental hospital in south London, where he has been injected with drugs to keep him quiet.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Potter, adjourned until November 17 an application by the mother of the boy, referred to as J, for a declaration that the Inner London Education Authority has failed to provide education appropriate to his needs. The adjournment was to allow a last opportunity to find a way to educate the boy.

Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, for J's mother, described the boy's treatment as "inhuman". Mr John Howell, for Ilea, rejected that criticism yesterday. The behaviour of the boy, who weighed 13 stone and stood 6ft, had led to his expulsion from the Royal School for the Deaf at Margate, Kent, in May 1986.

## Whitehall strike call

About 500,000 Civil Servants will be asked to stage a one-day strike next month in protest against the Government's decision to dismiss or relocate 18 trade union members at the GCHQ communications centre at Cheltenham. The leaders of eight Civil Service unions decided yesterday to call for the strike to demonstrate their "disgust and anger" and to make the Government "understand the contempt with which the Civil Service regards its bullying of a small group of Civil Servants".

## 'Rock' film inquiry

Thames Television yesterday announced that it had appointed Lord Windlesham to head an inquiry into *Death on the Rock*, its controversial documentary on the SAS killing of three members of the IRA in Gibraltar. Lord Windlesham, who will be joined by a senior lawyer, as yet unnamed, will begin his investigation immediately and report to the board of Thames Television next month. The programme came under attack for allegedly prejudicing last month's inquest in Gibraltar.

## Armed guard on court

Armed guards stood on rooftops, everyone was searched and an Irish government observer attended Winchester Crown Court yesterday when Finbar Cullen, aged 27, of Main St, Maynooth, Co Kildare; John Paul McCann, aged 24, of Gifford Ave, Sandymount, Dublin and Martina Shanahan, 22, of Loretto Rd, Rathfarnham, Dublin, were accused of plotting to kill Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The hearing was in private for lawyers to argue points of law. A jury will be sworn in on Monday.

## Forest site sought

The Countryside Commission is to explore locations for a new lowland forest in the Midlands, which would be the first development of its type this century. The forest could cover up to 150 square miles and is expected to be similar to the New Forest, in Hampshire. A team of consultants will start work this month looking at sites, and how the forest could be developed, financed and maintained. They are expected to report next March. However, Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the Countryside Commission, said it could take up to 50 years to create the forest.

# MEP challenges Thatcher on Europe

By Michael Dynes and Sheila Gunn

**The European Community is to set up a script agency to help close the drama gap that has left Europe's television screens filled by American programmes. The agency, in London, will each year fund up to half the costs of producing at least 100 scripts that stand a chance of being made as a collaborative effort between two nations. The move is in response to research that shows only 40 per cent of dramas on European television are made by Europeans.**

A leading Conservative Euro-MP yesterday called for an urgent rethinking of British attitudes towards European integration and proposed a major debate on the shape the community should take.

In a paper prepared for the Bow Group, the mainstream Conservative intellectual pressure group, Mr James Elles, MEP for Oxford and Buckinghamshire, puts forward a view of European integration that is likely to be seen by Downing Street as heresy.

The conclusion of the paper, *1992: Implications and Potential*, which is likely to be prominent in the debate on Europe at the Conservative Party conference next week, brings no comfort to those who believe a united Europe can be created without further loss of national sovereignty.

"On the contrary, from the wealth of evidence available, 1992 does not simply mean the removal of barriers to trade. It has longer-term implications for monetary, fiscal, social and other policies, should the real objective be to carry out the Rome Treaty's commitment to create a European internal market without 'frontiers'", Mr Elles said.

The impression that a united Europe could be achieved without loss of control over national affairs, while clearly the preferred solution among some countries to Europe's problems, "is nothing but an illusion", he said.

Stressing the need for Britain to throw its weight behind all aspects of the internal market programme, Mr Elles said: "Any wavering of British commitment to Europe will lead to investment going elsewhere".

Mr Elles said Britain had taken the leading political role in putting the 1992 programme on the European agenda and had led the way in bringing down barriers in a variety of areas, including capital controls, the deregulation of air transport and the opening up of public procurement.

Yet British business executives were acutely conscious of the Government's ambivalence to other aspects of the drive towards European integration, principally the creation of the European central bank and a common currency, the formation of a comprehensive EEC competition policy to vet large-scale mergers and the complete abolition of all frontier controls, he said.

Although those issues involved the loss of sovereignty, Britain must begin to grapple with the consequences of failing to resolve them, he said.

Meanwhile, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, sought to smoothe the ruffled feathers of his European partners yesterday by adopting a welcoming and conciliatory tone towards closer EEC union.

In spite of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's denunciation of a union of Europe last month, Sir Geoffrey insisted that Britain need have no fear of becoming submerged in Euro-anonymity.

In a pamphlet, *The Conservative Revival of Europe*, launched yesterday, his reaction to a union of Europe was in marked contrast to the strident tones of Mrs Thatcher.

It was not illogical to talk, as the French did, in favour of both European unity and national integrity. "Our European vision accepts, indeed commends, loyalty to the member state as perfectly compatible with the pooling of our national efforts for our wider European gain", he said.

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# IRA try to get changes in Maze

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

The latest upsurge of IRA violence against Northern Ireland's prison officers is designed to put pressure on the Government to concede republican demands for changes to be made to conditions in the Maze prison, security sources believe.

They fear that the IRA will step up its bombing campaign against senior members of the province's prison service in the next few weeks. The campaign has already claimed one victim, Mr Brian Armour, the vice-chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, and narrowly missed killing the former deputy governor of the Maze.

IRA prisoners recently made three demands for changes in the regime at the Maze, where more than 360 republican gunmen are held. They called on the Northern Ireland Office to stop moving 19 "high-risk" IRA men to different cells on a regular basis and to allow inmates held in different wings to associate freely.

They also demanded a halt to the practice whereby inmates are locked in their cells during prison staff lunches and tea-breaks.

All three demands were flatly turned down by the Northern Ireland Office.

At the Maze there are 25 cells in each wing and four wings per H-block. Inter-wing association would mean that up to 100 prisoners could congregate together in the central area of an H-block. Such a large number of prisoners together could pose a serious threat to prison staff. A breakout attempt could be mounted, security sources say.

The regular moving of 19 "top-risk" prisoners around the wings and blocks is also a precaution against a breakout being planned.

Meanwhile, the RUC is still investigating the lapse in security which allowed the IRA Belfast brigade to plant a bomb yesterday under the car of Mr Thomas Murtagh, the former deputy governor of the Maze, within 200 yards of Thiepval barracks, the Army's headquarters in Northern Ireland.

Mr Murtagh and his wife narrowly escaped being killed when the Semtex bomb failed to detonate.

● A Belfast man who denied publicly that he was the fourth member of the IRA Gibraltar "active service unit" had a charge of IRA membership against him dropped in the anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday.

A charge of giving a false name and address against Peter Anthony Rooney, aged 33, of St James's Gardens, Belfast, was also withdrawn, but he was again arrested by detectives as he left the court.

Rooney was detained in Cork in August under the Republic's Offences Against the State Act and later freed on bail.

# New blood test may increase detection of Down's syndrome

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A new test for pregnant women could reduce the number of children born in Britain with Down's syndrome by almost two thirds, researchers said yesterday.

Doctors in London and in the United States working together have developed the blood test which detects signs of the condition, the single most important cause of severe mental retardation in the developed world.

The development is being regarded by the specialists as one of the biggest advances in recent years in antenatal screening for the abnormality. It will also lead to a better scientific understanding of the disease.

The new test can detect twice as many Down's syndrome pregnancies as the present screening method, which involves offering amniocentesis to women above a certain age.

Amniocentesis, sampling of the fluid surrounding the foetus, is the diagnostic test to establish conclusively whether or not the unborn child is affected by the condition. That will still be necessary. If the foetus is affected, the mother is offered the option of terminating the pregnancy.

About 900 babies a year in Britain are born with Down's syndrome, but the blood test could reduce that number to about 350 a year, the doctors say in the *British Medical Journal*.

Professor Nicholas Wald, who led the research at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, London, said yesterday: "The existing screening method can detect only about 30 per cent of affected pregnancies. Our test makes use of a blood sample taken routinely at about 16 weeks of pregnancy as part of normal antenatal care.

"If the test were generally adopted, pregnant women of all ages could be screened and the number of births of severely mentally retarded infants substantially reduced."

The research was carried out in co-operation with American scientists at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and the Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough, Maine. The test is a combination and refinement of techniques which rely on using maternal age and measurements of chemicals in the mother's blood, including human chorionic gonadotrophin, alpha fetoprotein and unconjugated oestriol, which show whether the pregnancy is at high risk of being affected by the abnormality.

Down's syndrome is a genetic disorder in which the foetus has an extra chromosome. The chance that a mother aged under 30 will have a baby with the condition is about one in 1,200, but there is a 1 per cent risk in mothers who are over 40 years old.

One of the researchers, Dr Howard Cuckle, senior lecturer in preventive medicine at St Bartholomew's whose post is funded by the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "We hope it will be possible eventually to carry out this test at an earlier stage of the pregnancy.

"We also believe that the test will tell us more about the nature of the disease. That information may take us a step nearer primary prevention of the disorder."

# Diplomatic leave



The three Czech diplomats ordered out of Britain for spying for the Russians have left for home.

Last to leave was Major Bedrich Kramar (above), assistant military attaché and air attaché, who flew from Heathrow yesterday aboard a Czech Airlines flight for Prague.

The three were given 14 days to leave and yesterday was the deadline.

The expulsion is reported to have followed a break-in at the Farnborough Air Show when raiders scaled a 10 foot wall to photograph an American fighter pilot's helmet, called the eagle eye, which contains a top secret optics design.

Major Kramar would not comment on his expulsion as he left Heathrow alone.

The two other diplomats, Major Vlastimil Netolicky, from the military attaché's office and Pavel Mondry, a commercial attaché, left Britain by car some days ago.

# Irish women welcome legal ruling on rights

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Women's organizations in the Irish Republic yesterday welcomed a Dublin High Court ruling acknowledging the right of wives who have children to half of the family property if the marriage breaks down.

They say the ruling marks a significant advance in the status of women in the Republic. Lawyers believe it could have far-reaching implications in cases where the property is not in joint names. The ruling was delivered in a written statement late on Wednesday by Mr Justice Robert Barr after a case held in camera.

The Irish Constitution recognizes a woman's contribution to the home and Mr Justice Barr decided that, in this context and provided the marriage was of reasonable duration, a mother who devoted herself full-time to her family should be given special legal protection.

# Austin Rover halts decline

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Austin Rover is set this year to end 25 years of decline in its UK sales which has seen its market share plummet from almost 50 per cent in 1963 to 15 per cent.

As new car registrations last month climbed to the highest ever for September and, with more than 1,800,000 cars sold so far this year, statistics published yesterday showed that Austin Rover has at last improved its market share.

For the first nine months of 1988, its share has crept above the 14.95 per cent achieved for the same period last year. The gains, due largely to the Rover models, are likely to be consolidated in the last three months of the year as sales gather momentum.

Jaguar reinforced Austin Rover's improvement, as sales in September jumped by a quarter compared with the same month last year, providing a cushion against weak demand in the United States.

According to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, new car sales last month were 177,412, or 7.7 per cent higher than for the same month in 1987. Sales of imported cars were down, but their share of the market is running at 56.3 per cent compared with 51.6 per cent in 1987.

Ford and Nissan sold fewer cars in September compared with last year. Ford's market share for the first nine months is 26.7 per cent (almost 29 per cent at the same time last year).

The controversy about four-wheel-drive off-road vehicles rolling over has hit sales of Suzukis, in particular, and they have been halved for the second consecutive month.



## Lisa, the first sign of hope for Britain's seals

Lisa's a very important baby seal. Three weeks ago she was sick, emaciated and close to death. But at our seal hospital in Norfolk, a team of international experts is nursing her through her illness.

And now she appears to be on the road to recovery. This tiny glimmer of hope makes all our hard work seem worthwhile. By helping young seals survive the disease, we hope they will build up a natural immunity to the virus, so that they can be safely returned to the wild.

At present we are caring for over twenty sick seals. But hundreds more are in need of help. The Norfolk seal hospital is their only chance of survival and we urgently need extra funds to buy essential drugs to help other seals like Lisa.

You can help save Britain's seals by making a donation today. Simply complete the coupon below and send it together with your gift to: RSPCA, OPERATION SEAL RESCUE, Freepost, Causeway, Horsham RH12 1ZA.

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# Staff in new BAe walkout

By Ian Smith

Workers walked out of a British Aerospace factory yesterday and ignored safety assurances while a scientific team tried to trace the source of an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease.

Hours after returning to the plant in Lostock, near Bolton, Lancashire, following a 24-hour shutdown when the 2,800 staff were sent home, 1,600 workers on the day and night shifts decided they would not resume work until next Monday.

It was confirmed that two workers are suffering from the disease

Mr Frank Farnworth, the works convenor, said the workforce had taken exception because safety checks were still being carried out while men were expected to work normally.

Since Tuesday evening medical experts have been trying to find the source

Priority was given to storage tanks and the water-cooled air conditioning system and tests were carried out on the plant's showers, water testing chambers and 14 cooling towers. It was an infected cooling tower which started the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at the BBC in May.

Mr Tom Willett, aged 60, an electrician, is recovering at home after treatment at Bolton General Hospital but Mr James McIntyre, aged 46, and a colleague aged 54, remain seriously ill.

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Assessing research

# Computer check irks dons

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

University researchers could find themselves subjected to a computerized check on the number of times their work appears in scientific journals, and their grants could be cut if it fails to appear often enough.

In a move certain to provoke anger among academics, a team at Sussex University is to set up a data bank and test its use as a means of assessing the performance of university research departments when they compete for government funds.

It will be fed manually with articles from scientific publications and journals throughout the world, and programmed to take note of the number of papers or citations a department produces.

The system is already used in the United States, where scientists claim they are forced to indulge in an undignified scramble to get their work mentioned in publications.

There have been allegations of manipulation by "citation circles" where groups of academics agree to quote one another purely to boost their tally of credits, and "paper inflation" where departments split work into smaller parts to accrue more publication points.

Scientists in the US have also found themselves becoming victims of what they describe as "the halo effect". Their theories become so well known that no one credits their work.

The Sussex project, financed jointly by the Advisory Board for the Research Councils and the Economic and Social Research Council, will be the most thorough investigation of the "bibliometric" technique of assessing the performance of university departments or individual researchers.

The technique has become increasingly popular with the University Grants Committee, the body responsible for allocating public money to universities.

According to *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, the science policy research unit at Sussex has bought the past 10 years' publication and citation data of British universities from the publishers of the *Science Citation Index*, the institute of scientific information in Philadelphia.

Mr Ben Martin, head of the institute, says the team hopes to bring a more systematic approach to the assessment of university departments or "costs centres".

Mr Martin is also working on other methods of assessment such as the number of patents produced from a department.

# Customs' men search boat involved in chase

By Mark Ellis

Customs' officers last night were searching a Dutch coaster suspected of drugs smuggling which was intercepted after a mid-Channel chase.

The six Dutch crew of the coaster, which has its name, Jessy, painted out, are being held at Portsmouth Central police station, Hampshire, while their vessel is being searched in the harbour.

It was the second chase involving British Customs' officers, who last month caught the cargo vessel Salton Sea, which was found to have 10 tonnes of cannabis worth an estimated £30 million hidden aboard. Four Dutch and four Colombian crew have been charged with drug smuggling.

Dogs were taken aboard the coaster yesterday and Customs' officers could be seen removing bags from the vessel for closer inspection.

The green hatch covers were battened down on the coaster, which is registered in Limassol, Cyprus, but the vessel was riding high in the water as though it had no cargo or a very light load.

Dutch Customs' officials, who had been keeping the vessel under observation, challenged her just before midnight on Tuesday about six miles off the Zeeland coast of The Netherlands. She refused to stop.

By 7.30 am on Wednesday British Customs' officers spotted the coaster off the east coast of Britain and she was challenged near Dover an hour later but again refused orders to pull into port.

Finally the Royal Navy frigate HMS Scylla intercepted the coaster off the Isle of Wight. She was boarded eventually by officers from the Customs' cutter Searcher and the crew refused to disclose their nationalities or the ship's name and movements.

# Support for Hurd's ban on drinking in public

By Anthony Hodges

The ban on drinking in public announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has been welcomed in the six areas where the experiment will run for two years.

The idea started in Coventry, in the West Midlands, where drink-related violence made people wary of visiting the town centre and trade was suffering.

The city council, police, Licensed Victuallers' Association, brewery representatives and transport concerns decided to take action led by the Chamber of Commerce.

The result was a by-law, which comes into effect on November 1, banning all drinking in the open in the city centre, with a £100 maximum fine for anyone convicted of breaking the by-law. Police also patrol the area around the 122 central licensed premises, and officals are considering running buses until 3am and increasing the number of taxi ranks in the city centre.

Identity cards may also be introduced for 18 and 19-year-olds to avoid friction when they are barred from public houses because licencees believe them to be under age.

Superintendent Bill Guest of Coventry police is enthusiastic about the experiment. "I am confident it will enhance the quality of life for people visiting the city centre", he said.

On Wednesday Mr Hurd announced the experiment would be extended to Chester, Bath, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, St Austell and Newquay in Cornwall and Aldershot and Farnborough in Hampshire.

Mr John Prebble, chief executive of Scarborough borough council said problems were caused mainly by a minority of summer visitors intent on drinking to excess. He said the by-law would take effect early next year and he thought other seaside towns would watch the experiment with interest.

In Bath, one of England's main tourist cities, the centre was being spoiled by drunken vagrants and youngsters. Mr Clive Abbott, the council's chief executive, said the city was therefore delighted to join the experiment. Chester faced a similar problem and was also pleased to be involved, Miss Joyce Williams, deputy secretary and solicitor of the city council, said.

Visitors to the town centres at St Austell and Newquay were being intimidated by hard-drinking youths, Mr Graham Wrigglesworth, solicitor and administrator of Restormel borough council, said. The new by-law would give police additional power to deal with them.

Mr Andrew Colver, chief committee officer of Rushmoor borough council, covering Aldershot and Farnborough, said councillors had already set up a working party on alcohol abuse when they heard of the experiment. Although the area did not have a severe problem, he said, under the experiment it could be dealt with before it got out of hand.

# Jilted student sent poisoned chocolates to former boy friend

By David Sapsted

A jilted student who tried to poison her former lover and his new girl friend with a St Valentine's Day box of chocolates laced with mercury was given a conditional discharge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Juliette Cole, aged 24, a medical student, tried to "punish" her former boy friend and the new woman in his life by following an idea she had got from an Agatha Christie novel, the court heard.

Fuelled with jealousy, she telephoned the poisons department of her college to gather information on the effects of mercury and then left an expensive box of chocolates — along with a Valentine's card — at the north London home her former lover, Mr Benjamin Benwell-Palmer, aged 26, was sharing with Miss Joanne Atkinson, aged 24, a schoolteacher.

Mr Godfrey Carey, for the prosecution, said that the plan misfired when Miss Atkinson realized that the 1lb box had been tampered with.

She bit into one chocolate which tasted strange and, when Mr Benwell-Palmer broke open all of them, he found globules of mercury in each.

Cole, a third-year student at the College of Osteopathy in Hampstead, pleaded guilty yesterday to attempting maliciously to administer mercury with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy.

She had been going out with Mr Benwell-Palmer, a film editor, for five years between 1982 and 1987, Mr Carey said. At the beginning of this year, Mr Benwell-Palmer struck up a new relationship with Miss Atkinson which made Cole "extremely jealous."

She used the idea from the Agatha Christie book she obtained at her local library to teach them a lesson, Mr Carey said.

"She discovered the consumption of mercury would cause severe stomach pain, diarrhoea and vomiting. But the whole effect would only last for a couple of days."

Cole separated the base from the the box and squirted the mercury inside with a syringe.

She resealed the chocolates and wrapped them in a parcel, putting on a stamp and forging a postmark.

Mr David Farrington, for the defence, said Mr Benwell-Palmer was Cole's first and only real love.

"But she rather stupidly had a fling with another young man and when she realized it was a dreadful mistake she tried to get back with Mr Benwell-Palmer, hoping to spend her life with him.

"But he had found Miss Atkinson and did not want to resume his association with Cole."

Mr Farrington said Cole then came up with the "mad-cap' scheme to deliver poisoned chocolates to the couple.

He added: "Thankfully she has now firmly hit her problems on the head and sorted herself out.

"This is an exceptionally sad case. She lost her father at a very young age and did not particularly have any relationships with young men until she met Mr Benwell-Palmer. "They had an exceptionally good relationship for five years. No sooner had she met him and she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him. We are dealing with a young lady who had by this stage got herself a substantial mental problem."

He said further support from the social services would probably be required for Cole.

In her statement, read to the court, Cole said: "I wanted to give them stomach pains and vomiting for at least a couple of days. I do not know what compelled me to do it. I just kept saying to myself 'you must be mad, you must be mad'.

"I am really sorry about it now. I guess I wanted to hurt them — but only temporarily. I have suffered so much lately and been emotionally disturbed. I think I must have lost my mind."

Cole's sister Anne, a physiotherapist, told the court: "Since July, Juliette has improved dramatically. She is far more outgoing and in my opinion, a happier person than she has ever been. She is sleeping better and paying more attention to her appearance. She is seeing a doctor at least once a week."

Her guardian, Mr Andrew Harvey, a barrister, was also in court to give her support.

Mr Justice Auld, giving her a conditional discharge for one year, said: "Your appearance here today and the events leading up to it have been acutely distressing for you.

"It is clear that your broken relationship affected you very deeply. Nevertheless it was a foolish thing to do. It must have been frightening for a time for the recipient."

# Duchess stranded as hovercraft fails



The Duke and Duchess of York were left stranded and adrift in stormy waters during their Australian visit when their hovercraft broke down yesterday (Christopher Morris writes from Brisbane).

The Duchess was later greeted by a koala in Brisbane (right) as royal officials and Australian police ordered an investigation.

Fears that the £1 million vessel may have been sabotaged were aroused after an identical hovercraft near by being used as a back-up also broke down at the same time in the Brisbane river.

Last night police ordered the hovercraft to be hauled out of the water so that forensic scientists and marine engineers could determine whether the vessel had been tampered with.

The drama began as the royal couple were on their way to St Helens Island, 10 miles off the coast, which was once a penal settlement.

There were 22 VIPs accompanying the Duke and the Duchess on what should have been a pleasant 40-minute cruise but which turned into quite an ordeal.

Suddenly almost half way to the island the hovercraft began to vibrate and a loud bang was heard by the passengers. The starboard engine had failed and although there was still power in the second engine it was insufficient in the heavy seas as the vessel began to drift.

The captain headed for the shere and the hovercraft was eventually beached at Pinkenba, an industrial suburb of Brisbane, much to the surprise and delight of a handful of local residents on the beach.

The Duke of York walked into the local bait and tackle shop, a pink painted corrugated iron shack, to buy some ice cream.

Later they were driven back to Brisbane, where in the afternoon they visited Expo 88.

# Scarman advocates 'quality reading'

Too many students arrive at university without the "habit of reading serious prose", says Lord Scarman, Chancellor of Warwick University

As a freshman at Brasenose College in 1930 he took advantage of *The Times's* first student discount scheme — the fore-runner of the present Presspass — to begin a habit which has lasted a lifetime.

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"It is immensely important that students should read a quality newspaper. The trouble today is that too many young people come to university without the habit of reading serious prose."

Today *The Times* is once again available to full-time students at a discount rate through Presspass. Applicants receive a year's supply of tokens to be handed to their newsagent giving an on-the-spot saving of 50 per cent

Coupon, page 14

## Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Railways will benefit from yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition, which was won by Mr Robert Danton, aged 56, a health authority manager, of Starbarn Road, Winterbourne, Bristol.

"My passion is model railways and it's an expensive hobby", Mr Danton, said. He plans also to spend some of his winnings on a family holiday.

### Hospital consultant programme

# Ten-year plan in jeopardy

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Underfunding has threatened government plans to increase the number of hospital consultants and create better career prospects for junior doctors, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

The BMA consultants' committee has written to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, expressing concern that the plans, agreed jointly by health ministers, regional health authority chairmen and the joint consultants' committee, are in danger of foundering.

Mr Paddy Ross, committee chairman, said recently published figures on consultant manpower showed that when the plan to increase the number of consultant posts each year by 2 per cent was drawn up in 1986, many consultant posts were unfilled.

Mr Ross said that adversely affected the expansion rate by reducing it to a 1.48 per cent rise the next year. There were 14,800 consultants in posts in England and Wales in September 1987, compared with 14,584 in September 1986.

"The significance of these figures showing the percentage decrease means that the consultant expansion programme has been skewed right from the start from a depleted baseline", Mr Ross said yesterday.

"The trend is continuing among financially hard-pressed health authorities that are not filling approved consultant posts — whether by not advertising new posts or by freezing those that become vacant. It puts the 10-year plan in jeopardy."

Mr Ross said the secretary of state should keep his side of the bargain and ensure that each authority fulfilled its commitment.

"Once again, the reason can be traced directly to the continued underfunding of the health service, particularly the hospital sector."

Junior doctors were also concerned about the latest figures and their significance for medical staffing. "The only way out of the medical manpower morass is to lead with consultant expansion", Dr Graeme McDonald, chairman of the BMA's hospital junior staff committee, said.

● A health education video, aimed at reducing the number of avoidable deaths from cervical cancer among Asian women in Britain, was launched yesterday.

Research has shown that only 35 per cent of such women ask for a cervical smear test, although the incidence of the disease in them is at least as high as in the overall British population.

The video, available in five Asian languages as well as English, explains the test and how to get it. It is being offered to doctors, health centres and local organizations, and is available from the Health Education Video Unit, Clinical Sciences Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary, PO Box 65, Leicester LE2 7LX. It costs £20, plus tax.

# Father wins battle to stop daughter's burial

By Ian Smith

A father whose daughter died during a party in Saudi Arabia nine years ago has won his battle to prevent her being buried.

Mr Ronald Smith is convinced that his daughter Helen, a nurse, was murdered.

Yesterday Leeds City Council's municipal services committee agreed it would not implement legal powers under the Public Health Act to bury the body which is in a city mortuary.

A council statement said: "This is the end of our attempt to bring this sad story to a final end.

"It is now up to Mr Smith to pursue any further line of inquiry he thinks fit."

An inquest jury in Leeds six years ago returned an open verdict after witnesses told how Miss Smith, aged 23, died when she fell from a sixth floor balcony in Jedda during a late-night medical party. In spite of failing to uncover any evidence to back up his belief that Miss Smith was thrown from the balcony, Mr Smith has continued his crusade.

He has been forced to retire from his job because of continued returns to Jedda in unsuccessful attempts to find fresh evidence.

He has refused repeated requests from his estranged wife to give permission for their daughter to receive a Christian burial.

Mr Smith said he was both relieved and encouraged by the council decision which he interpreted as meaning he had its full backing to continue.

He maintained that the council's decision over the burial had thwarted "a diabolical plot" to destroy the evidence. What lay in the mortuary, said Mr Smith, was not the body of his daughter but bones and tissue which would provide vital clues.

# Jury out today in rape trial

The jury in the "Babes in the Wood" rape trial at the Central Criminal Court will retire today to consider its verdict.

Wael Mhaywi Kabariti, aged 21, a Jordanian student at Greenwich Technical College, has denied raping a girl aged 14 who was lost in London after travelling from her home in Co Durham to see Peter Howitt star in the pantomime *Babes in The Wood* at the Palladium.

The court has been told during the two-week trial that Mr Kabariti allegedly took her back to a bedsitter in Lewisham, south-east London, when she thought she was being taken to King's Cross, where she wanted to catch a train home.

The girl staggered out of the bedsitter where she was allegedly raped and sought help from two men, only to suffer a further double rape.

# Mobile home gets an official push

By Robin Young

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, will start to bring the house down today. Not just any house, and certainly not the House of Commons, where his contributions on motorway contraflows and rail delays seldom give occasion to smile.

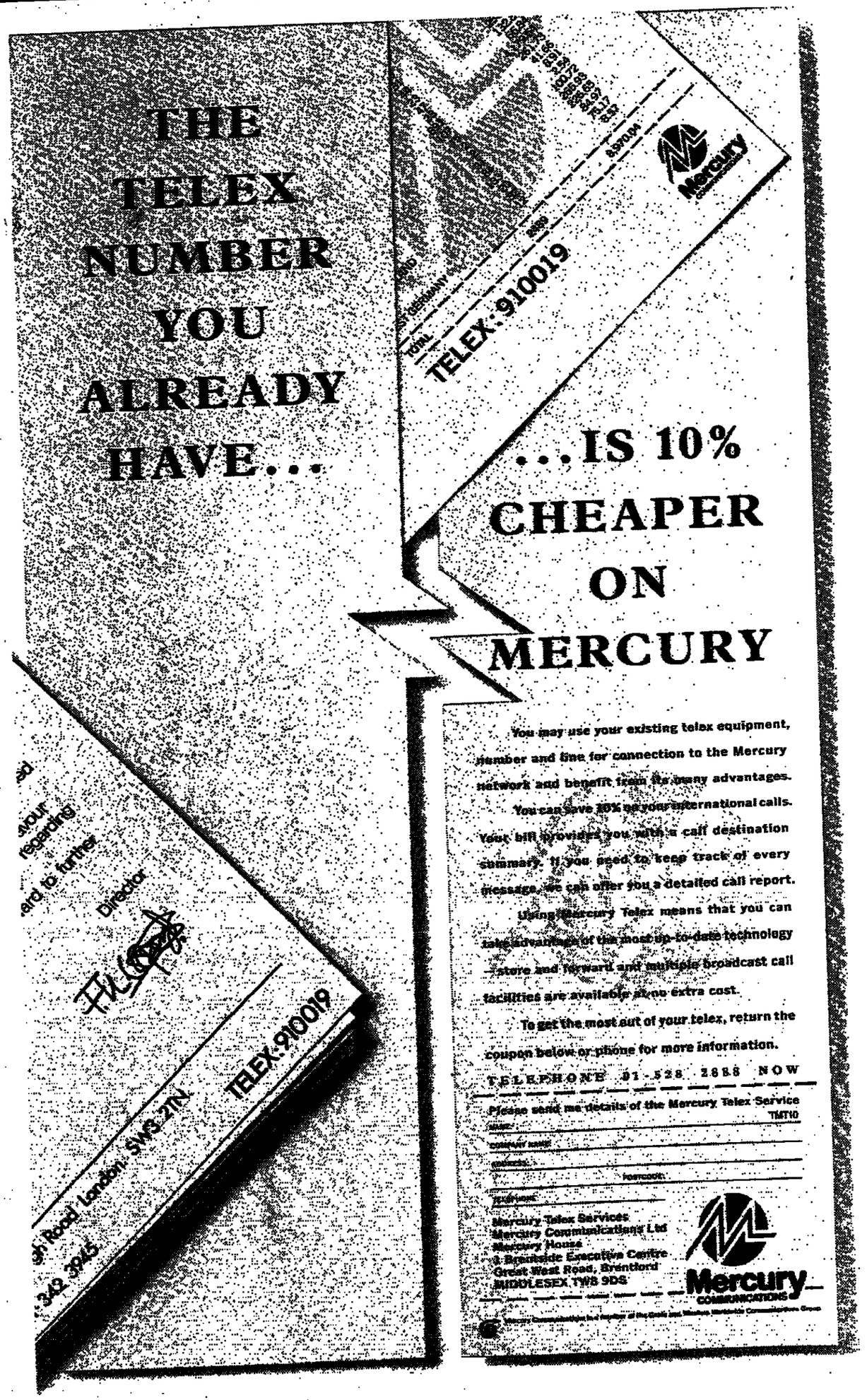
The house which Mr Channon intends to attack today is a timber-framed seventeenth-century farmhouse that belongs to Mr Charles Smith-Ryland, Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

Its offence is that it stands plumb in the way of the Gaydon section of the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham. At a cost of £116,000 it is to be moved, beam by beam and brick by brick, from one side of its farmyard to the other, so that the road may pass unimpeded.

Though the farmhouse is listed Grade II the Department of Transport could, if it wished, have knocked it flat and left it at that — compensating Mr Smith-Ryland from the public purse.

The Lord-Lieutenant argued that the house, albeit not his home and until recently let to tenants, was worth preserving. The department agreed to bear the expense of dismantling the house and resurrecting it 65 yards from its present location. The work is to be undertaken by Messrs Linford Bridgeman of Lichfield, specialists in handling historic houses.

It has been a subject of some debate what Mr Channon's precise role in the house removal should be. The transport secretary agreed to launch the project while in the Midlands on other business. It was thought yesterday that he might take off the first tile, or remove the front door. He will not, though, be allowed to dislodge the first brick. They probably feared that, as a politician, he might drop it.




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# Hurd told policy on manpower will end 'bobby on the beat'

By Stewart Tendler

Britain's chief constables last night warned the Home Secretary that government policy on police manpower will lead to a crisis that would destroy the tradition of the "bobby on the beat".

Unless the Government adopts a more flexible approach to police manpower demands, commanders will be forced to withdraw patrols from the streets and provide merely emergency policing.

The warning to Mr Douglas Hurd came from Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, as the minister joined the country's chief constables for a dinner at the association's annual conference in Preston, Lancashire.

In a toughly worded speech supported by the Police Federation and the Police Superintendents' Association, Mr Birch told the minister that two choices existed on the road to maintaining law and order. One led to traditional policing, the other towards "a cheaper but largely unexplored route of reactive policing". Mr Birch said: "Our joint concern is that against our better judgement the icy doctrine of efficiency and effectiveness is pushing us with an accelerating pace down the wrong road.

"The best bobby will not always be very efficient but in the long term he is most effective."

There was great public clamour for more policemen to patrol the streets but, Mr Birch said: "The public is crying out for something we can no longer in truth deliver".

Mr Birch said his speech was prompted by Mr Hurd's recent announcement at a police conference that the police could not have all the manpower it wanted and plans were being made for new Home Office guidance on deciding increases.

Mr Birch told the Home Secretary that although the Government spoke of the increases it had given the police since 1979, when the public read about them they were bewildered. If so much had been given to the police why was there no policeman in their village, and how could drunken hooligans make their lives a misery? The extra 13,000 officers had in fact been soaked up trying to bring the police up to a strength set 20 years ago.

Mr Birch said: "When we mention resources in the corridors of power it is hinted to us it would be unwise to protest too loudly".

It was suggested the police had been treated generously yet police performance was getting worse and chief constables should be better managers. The chief constable said: "This line of argument is grossly unfair and offensive".

The police had coped with huge changes and their efforts should not be judged by crime rates alone. Seventy-five per cent of police work involved helping the public in many ways unconnected with detecting crime.

Mr Birch's speech is the latest in a long-running battle between chief constables and the Home Office to increase the strength of forces. Chief officers have become increasingly unhappy with the Home Office system of allowing only partial increases and ignoring what police say are reasonable requirements.

# Seals tested with vaccine to stop virus



*Mr David Clarke, a vet, preparing to inject one of the four seals at a sanctuary in Docking, Norfolk, yesterday with a vaccine to combat the canine distemper virus killing thousands of common seals. The Dutch vaccine, Kavak iD, has already been given to three healthy common seal pups at a sanctuary at Inverkeithing, in Fife. The tests will assess immunity before a mass immunization programme. This season, about 1,820 seals have died from the virus in British waters.*

# Solicitors endorse reform manifesto

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors in England and Wales yesterday endorsed a policy manifesto for the next year in which they will press for the right to take cases in the crown court and may seek legislation to end the statutory ban on contingency fees.

The manifesto, agreed by the council of the Law Society, warns solicitors of the pressing need to move into new markets of work.

The Government's Green Paper on restrictive trade practices "indicates clearly that the Government is unlikely to support a profession which does not seek to move with the times", it says.

The future of the profession, it says, depends on its "ability to change and to lift standards of competence".

High on the agenda for the next year is "preparing solicitors to exercise rights of audience in higher courts"; and improving solicitors' training, possibly merging it with that for barristers.

Last week Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, urged the Bar to look again at the areas of work now its "sole preserve", such as the crown court, to see if these were still justified.

# Police network to link investigations

By Our Crime Reporter

A national police computer network which will link major investigations in different forces and detect patterns of crime across the country is being planned by the Home Office.

Announcing the plan yesterday at the conference of chief constables, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said the network would produce "a wire web" to catch criminals or hooligans.

The network, known as the police national network, would operate in conjunction with the police national computer, which is being updated.

At present forces cannot routinely reach each other's computers. They can only pass information through the national computer system, which causes delays.

The new national network would allow forces to tap into each other's computers so that detectives could compare cases they were investigating with cases being checked by neighbouring forces.

The network would also enable police to link up the Holmes systems introduced for major investigations.

Police could also check crime-reporting systems being introduced and uncover patterns of crime or even detect criminals moving across the country.

The network, protected by special codes, opens up a wider use of computerized information libraries, Mr Hurd said.

Police might be able to make use of a national automatic fingerprint system and national collections of photographs of convicted criminals or stolen property.

The Home Office hopes to introduce the network during the next decade and a consultant is being appointed to examine a possible system.

# Highpoint prepares to receive life prisoners

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Amid strong protests, the first of the 40 prisoners serving life sentences who are to be housed at Highpoint low-security prison in Suffolk are about to arrive there.

Their transfer to the prison, where Lester Piggott is serving three years for tax fraud, coincides with an internal inquiry being conducted by Mr John Hunter, the governor, into an alarming number of escapes.

Nineteen prisoners have absconded from the prison in the past six months alone. Only eight have been recaptured.

The 40 prisoners serving life for murder and other serious offences are to be housed at Highpoint within the next two years.

Mr Brian Atkinson, a local councillor, said: "I think this is disgusting. A child of five could break out of Highpoint. Residents were told when the prison opened that it would hold harmless offenders."

Members of the local community would not feel safe and some might even move away, he said.

Police Superintendent Stewart Chapman, who is in charge of the Sudbury and Haverhill areas, said: "We have had a number of worried calls from the local community objecting to the plan. Obviously they are conscious of the high number of breakouts at Highpoint and I can understand their concern.

"However, I have heard nothing to suggest the lifers are in the highly dangerous category, and I don't think it will be as bad as everyone seems to imagine.

"So far as the police are concerned, we are neither happy nor angered by what has happened. The police just act according to what is decided by other people.

"If the governor of Highpoint thinks a prisoner is dangerous, he can reject that person. Mind you, it should not come to that because the Home Office has worked out what calibre of criminal goes to what calibre of prison."

A Home Office spokesman said the plan was designed to give the long-term prisoners a fair chance of rehabilitation.

"The governor is at liberty to reject any prisoner he considers unsuitable."

Mr Hunter said: "We are satisfied that the long-term prisoners will not be of any threat to the community.

"They are all nearing the end of their sentences and have too much at stake to try to escape."

Highpoint has been designated as one of the category C prisons suitable to hold life sentence prisoners. Category C is the lowest security category for a closed prison.

Meanwhile police yesterday recaptured Anthony Evans, a Highpoint prisoner serving four years for drug offences, who escaped on Tuesday night.

Stephen Windsor, aged 22, serving three years for burglary, is still at large after escaping on Monday.

# Children urged to help waterway regeneration

By Ian Smith

Children are to be given lessons in a floating classroom to encourage them to help revitalize canals and rivers in the North-west.

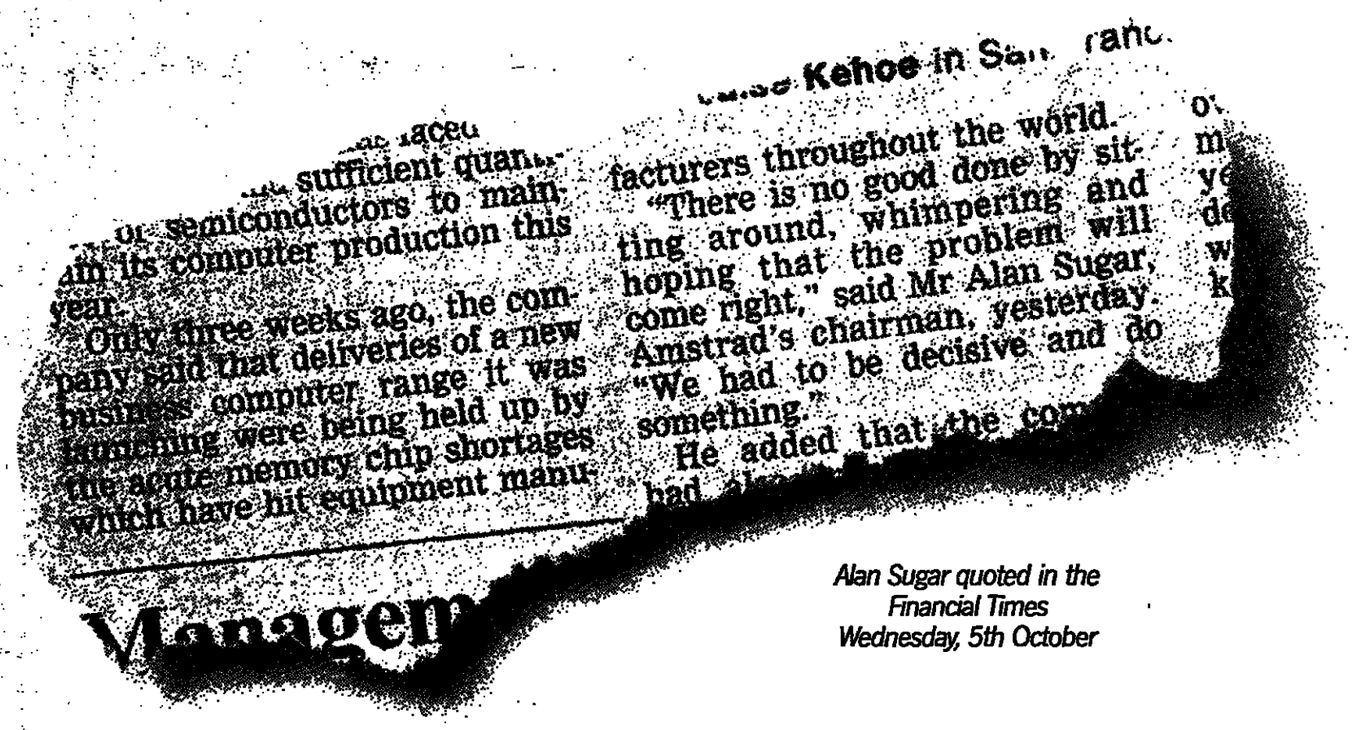
Lessons aboard Kittiwake, a broad-beamed canal boat moored alongside Wigan Pier, began yesterday to try and persuade youngsters in 6,000 schools to undertake waterside projects as part of the £4 billion Mersey Basin Campaign.

The campaign, which aims to stimulate economic regeneration in the North-west and is supported by the European Commission, hopes to clean all of rivers and streams in the Mersey Basin, to encourage waterside developments and persuade the community to cherish its watercourse. It wants to do this by enlisting the help of teachers and pupils along waterways from the Pennines to the Irish Sea.

Teaching packs distributed to primary and secondary schools will encourage pupils to become involved in a range of waterside projects.

Mr Phil Barton, manager of the campaign's Voluntary Sector Network, said it was hoped the pilot scheme would lead to water-based project work being included in the new national teaching curriculum.


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# LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

# Victory for Labour unilateralists

**DEFENCE**

Labour's nuclear unilateralists won victories yesterday on two motions favouring their cause.

The Blackpool conference, in defiance of the recommendation of the leadership, rejected, by a smaller majority, a compromise motion referring to unilateral, bilateral, and multilateral disarmament.

The compromise motion to eliminate all nuclear weapons by various methods was rejected by 3,277,000 votes to 2,942,000 – majority against, 335,000.

The Dumbarton motion calling for a campaign for unilateral removal of all nuclear weapons and bases from Britain was carried by 3,715,000 votes to 2,471,000 – majority in favour, 1,244,000.

The FTATU motion for transfer of savings from nuclear disarmament to health and other services, was carried by 3,345,000 votes to 2,865,000 – majority, 480,000.

**Mr Alan Tuffin**, general secretary, Union of Communication Workers, moved the motion reaffirming Labour's commitment to "the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in the world to be brought about by steps of unilateral, bilateral and multilateral disarmament."

The motion said that "defence policies like all others must inevitably change with circumstances". It condemned the Government for obstructing disarmament and called on the party to work for a non-nuclear Europe as its primary strategic goal.

**Mr Tuffin said:** "This motion is not a fudge, neither is it a soft option and neither is it a backing away".

His union was affiliated to CND and supported a non-nuclear defence policy. "But we are fed up with the arguments over 'isms'. Unilateralism, bilateralism and multilateralism are often put forward by people arguing their point as if they were diametrically opposing strategies. In fact they are all important."

The public were confused but what they wanted was a credible defence policy. The people would support only a strong defence policy. Labour's general election success would depend on how clearly and how unitedly it presented a defence policy.

"We need to review our defence policy to take account of changing circumstances."

**Mr Malcolm Smith**, Western Isles, seconded the motion. He said that no one was being asked to jeopardize nuclear disarmament. On the contrary, nuclear disarmament remained the only way for Britain to respond to a rapidly changing world. "If this party does not recognize that policy has to be changed with events, then it has lost its sense of reality."

Some constituencies believed that the problem with Labour's defence policy had been one of presentation and said that policy needed to be sold more vigorously. "The truth is that no amount of selling a policy will make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

He said to Mr Ron Todd, general secretary, Transport and General Workers' Union, that "no one individual, however important he is himself, will be allowed to stand in the way of Neil Kinnock becoming the next Prime Minister of this country" (applause).

**Miss Louise Robertson**, Dumbarton, moved the motion emphasizing Labour's pledge to remove unconditionally all nuclear weapons and bases from Britain in the first parliament of the next Labour Government.

The motion called for the abolition of the Trident programme at whatever stage of development and the use of the money saved to improve welfare services.

She said that this was a straightforward reaffirmation of party policy. It was a simple, uncomplicated, honest and honourable statement, one that could not be fudged.

It was not the policy that was wrong, but the fudging. The women of Greenham Common had shown the superpowers how to be courageous. "They are the ones that got Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachov round the negotiating table (applause).

"They are the ones who feel betrayed when they are sitting in their houses on a Sunday afternoon and hear the words: 'We are not in the business of giving something for nothing'. If we are serious about disarmament, disarm."

**Mr Colin Christopher**, general secretary of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trade Union, moved a composite motion calling for a renewed commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament and the money saved through disarmament to be spent on health and other services.

He said that this was a motion which offered the British people something for something. "It commits the next Labour government to a policy of welfare, not warfare" (applause).

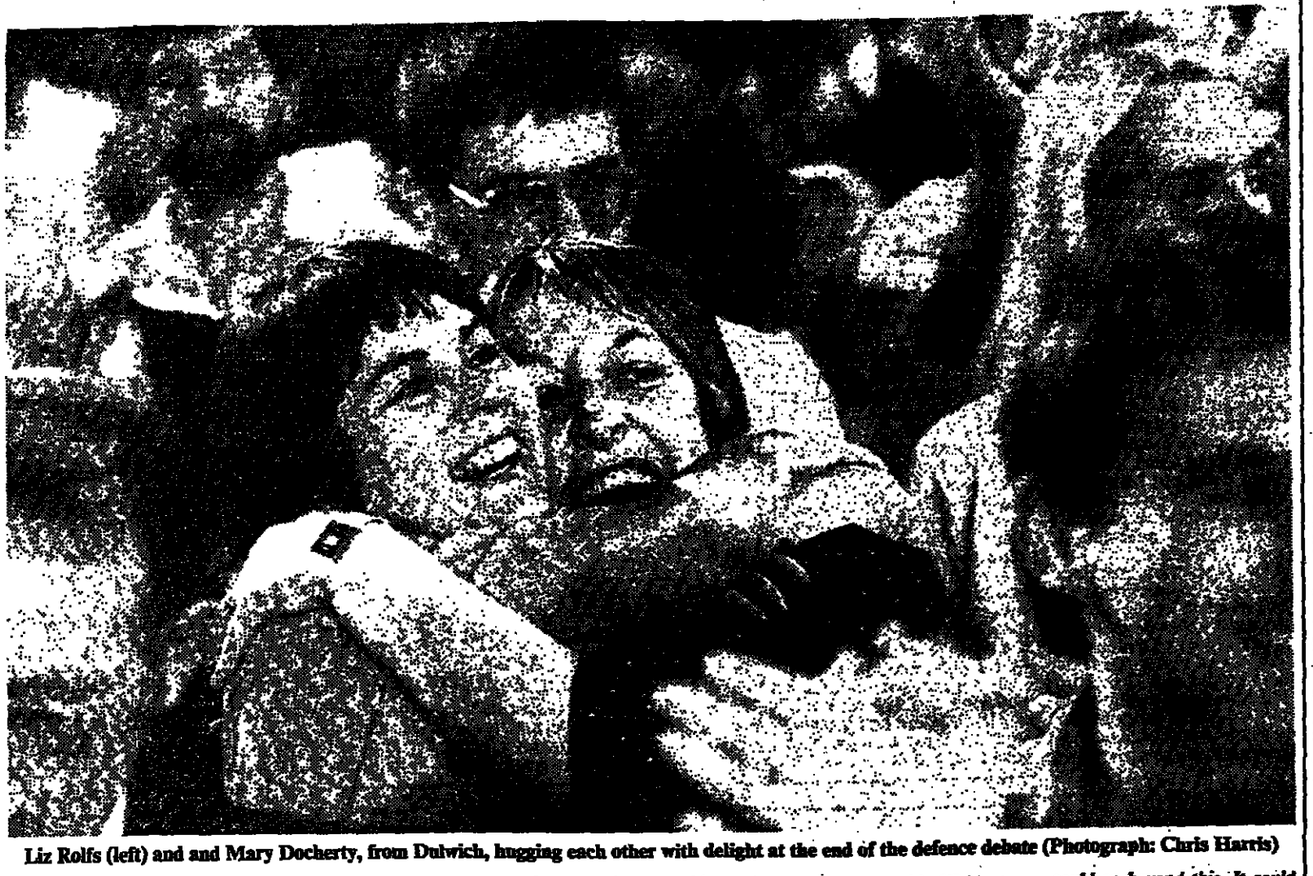
If promoted in the right way, the proposals in the motion would go a long way towards winning Labour the next general election.

He urged Mr Kinnock not to listen to the "political commentators and their tiny echo in our movement who are determined to protect militarism and old-fashioned cold war politics."

**Miss Anne Keene**, Brentford and Isleworth, said that she had been a member of CND for 20 years. She strongly supported motion 55.

She had a question for those who supported unilateral disarmament but intended to vote against the UCW because of its commitment to bilateral and multilateral disarmament: Do you want to get rid of the bomb – or do you just want to talk about it?

"If you do want nuclear disarmament, do you think there is some special, superior method, some method more acceptable, more pure than any other (shouts of yes). That it is somehow more moral to have one bomb banned by unilateral action than two by bilateral action or three by multilateral action. I want disarmament by every sort of means until every sort of bomb is gone and that is what this motion says."



Liz Rolfs (left) and and Mary Docherty, from Dulwich, hugging each other with delight at the end of the defence debate (Photograph: Chris Harris)

**Mr John Edmonds**, general secretary, General Municipal and Boilermakers Union, who was interrupted by calls for Ron Todd to speak, said that last year Labour put its defence policy to the electorate, which rejected it.

"Most people still believe that our non-nuclear policy will simply make Britain weaker (shouts of "rubbish") because the electorate can see there is not much comfort in a non-nuclear Britain if it is surrounded by a Europe bristling with nuclear weapons. We have to plan step-by-step the achievement of a non-nuclear Britain that will make the world safer."

What was the point of Britain making an isolated gesture when with planning Labour could reduce the arms arsenal of the world. President Gorbachov had hinted that he would cut Soviet firepower by up to three times the British arsenal in order to achieve a non-nuclear Britain. Such a reduction would be a huge contribution to world peace.

Negotiations had to be subtle and British negotiators would need some flexibility. They would also need the unilateral option, just as the Germans did when they got rid of Pershing missiles. But they had acted in the context of negotiations.

"An isolated gesture to disarm may be called noble, it may even be called magnificent. But one thing it is not is useful, because the British people will not understand why we neglect our opportunities and are so determined to act alone when we could win so many more advantages and so much more disarmament simply by negotiation."

**Mr Denis Healey**, MP for Leeds East, faced boos and heckling. He said that for the first time in world history he saw a chance of ending war for ever. The world was at a turning point. The US and the Soviet Union were moving from detente to entente.



Mr Edmonds: No comfort in non-nuclear Britain

"The question is how can this party help that process along. We can only help when we are in power and so long as Thatcher is in power she will do everything she can to sabotage that process."

Other socialist parties which might soon be in power wanted to work with Labour towards disarmament. "They have been separated from us for some time by what they feel as our total indifference to their views. They know these are deep and complex problems which cannot be treated as a Punch and Judy show between the 'ism' of multilateral disarmament and the 'ism' of unilateralism."

These Europeans knew their security depended on Nato. They wanted to change Nato strategy which was now an obstacle to disarmament. "But they know you can only change Nato strategy if you accept the obligations as well as the rights of an ally. That is why one area of disarmament requires multilateral disarmament.

"We cannot change Nato alone. We can only do it as loyal members of the alliance. We can act on our own and get rid of Polaris, but how much better to get rid of two times as many weapons by negotiation with the Soviet Union.

"We can get rid of Trident, as I believe we should, unilaterally. But we can only do these things when we are in power. We shall only win power if we can convince the people of this country that we are taking their security seriously."

The conference had agreed that all constituency members must be consulted in the selection of candidates. They should also be consulted on this matter of life and death. The unions had an obligation to consult their members as well.

"If we consult and if we get together, then we can play a leading role in taking the world towards lasting peace."

**Mr Ron Todd**, Transport and General Workers' Union, greeted with loud cheers as he walked to the rostrum, said that the question for him was when to get rid of the bomb. They should vote against what would be seen as confusion and fudge in their defence policy.

"We have to develop our existing policy, not distort it. We have to put meat on the bones.

"We have to respond to the changes taking place around us, but it does not mean in any way altering the way this party has stood for a long time."

They should reject Mr Tuffin's motion which backed away from the existing timetable to get rid of nuclear weapons within the lifetime of a Labour government.

"It implies that the timetable could go beyond this. It could open the door to being bounced into delay on implementation of our basic policy.

"If we give an inch, it will lead to a mile and then another mile and then another mile" (applause).

It was not so much a question of the unilateral, bilateral and multilateral part of the motion. All methods had a role to play. But the crucial one must be Britain's unilateral contribution.

"Let's stop going back over the old argument that the British electorate will not accept unilateralism. If that had been true it would have affected our result north of the Midlands in the last election" (applause).

For 27 years, he had marched, fought, lobbied and protested, proud of unilateralism and the contribution it could make to world disarmament.

**Mr Martin O'Neill**, the shadow defence secretary, said that, although the Americans and the Russians were committed to nuclear disarmament, Mrs Thatcher stood alone. The party had to go forward confident in their approach to eliminating nuclear weapons.

The policy review group was committed to a non-nuclear Britain. Their task now was to construct the means to show that their policy was possible and had the support of the people.

## Party is 'getting ready for 1992'

The European internal market in 1992 could see social standards and workers' rights under attack, Mr Bill Jordan, president of the AEU, told delegates.

"That is why we, in the Labour movement, are getting our act together, stressing the people's side of the market."

He moved a motion, later carried, calling on the party to use and adapt institutions in the European Community to promote democratic socialism.

"There is a power struggle going on in Europe between those who want its future determined by its people and those who are prepared to give that power to big business.

"We have experienced the damage done in a free marketeering Britain." We must stop that disease spreading through Europe."

**Mr Gerald Kaufman**, the shadow Foreign Secretary said that, although he had opposed membership of the EEC, he accepted that withdrawal was no longer a practical proposition.

Introducing the policy review group's report, *Britain in the World*, he said that this was a practical approach very different from the cynical duplicity of the speech by Mrs Thatcher at Bruges.

He agreed with her that they did not want a super Euro-state or the erosion of powers at Westminster, and that was why he had opposed those changes when Mrs Thatcher had forced them through Parliament.

The review group had decided that the situation in southern Africa demanded an urgent statement. That was the immediate release of Nelson Mandela and the Sharpville Six.

## Leadership rule change

The conference decided by 5,017,000 votes to 799,000 to change the rules so that, to stand as leader or deputy leader of the party, MPs will have to win the support of a fifth of Labour MPs on their nomination papers. The change is expected to discourage such contests.

A change to the party constitution ensuring the presence of at least one woman on constituency short lists for selection of parliamentary candidates, in the event of one being nominated, was put to a card vote. It had been accepted by the NEC.

## Business today

The conference will debate today a tightening of the rules about hearings of complaints against members of the party by the National Constitutional Committee. There will also be debates on the physical and social environment; rural affairs; and housing. The conference will end at lunchtime.

# Hattersley in onslaught on press ownership

In a vehement attack on the concentration of press ownership in Britain, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader, pledged to delegates at Blackpool yesterday that a future Labour government would break up the press empire of Mr Rupert Murdoch.

Mr Hattersley said that Britain's press was the most prejudiced, the most trivial and the most irresponsible in the free world and he blamed Mr Murdoch personally for the "recent deterioration".

The party's deputy leader was winding up the morning's series of debates, which had been entitled Democracy for the Individual and the Community.

Mr Hattersley said that the new Labour government would repeal the present nationality law and rewrite the immigration regulations, and replace them with a definition of citizenship and a system of immigration rules that neither discriminated against women nor the black and Asian British.

"Discrimination is endemic in Margaret Thatcher's Britain. So is crime. It is the values she has encouraged – no such thing as society, every man for himself and devil take the hindmost – which lie at the root of the crime explosion.

In our inner cities crime increases because the devil makes work for idle hands. In the suburbs crime increases because the thugs in sports cars and designer sweaters feel no responsibility for the welfare of society.

"They are Thatcher's children. The crime wave will only be turned back by a government which tells the people that we are all truly members one of another.

"To build that society there has to be change at the top. That requires abolition of the House of Lords (applause). That is a view I have held throughout my political life.

"If there are still doubters in the party, I invite them to recall the record of the Lords in supporting the poll tax and the part the Lords played in the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority.

"Far from frustrating the excesses of the Government, which is the Lords' traditional task, the Lords supported the Tory Party against the will of the people. They saved the Conservative Administration by wheeling in the backwoodsmen, hereditary peers who barely knew their way to Westminster.

"Those noble ancients brought in from the great houses and the country estates signed the death warrant of the House of Lords by their behaviour.

"The House of Lords in its present form must go. But we must not assume that it needs to be replaced by another second chamber."

Many in the party, he among them, thought that a single elected chamber was the best safeguard for democracy.

The next Labour government would introduce a freedom of information Act. In place of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, they would put provisions to protect security which did not use the excuse of security as a reason to suppress the inconvenient truth.

However, the incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights into British statute law should be unacceptable. It would be a Bill of Rights, "which would entrust the protection of our liberties, not to the elected House of Commons, but to the courts and to the judges. I do not trust them to perform that task.

"Too often they would take the most restrictive view of freedom: the rights of the rich and powerful to enjoy their power and wealth at the expense of the rest of society."

A Bill of Rights would entrench the privileges of the advantaged minority and act as an obstacle on the road to a more equal society.

"I ask conference not to prejudice our chances of building that society by requiring the courts and judges to sit in judgement on the policies which the next Labour government brings in."

The press in this country was the most prejudiced, the most trivial and the most irresponsible in the free world (applause).

The problem was historic, but it would be wrong not to describe the causes of the most recent deterioration. They could be described in two words: Rupert Murdoch.

"It is Rupert Murdoch who has dragged the other tabloids down market. It is Rupert Murdoch who blurred the line between news and comment. It is Rupert Murdoch who requires his employees to toe the Tory Party line.

"It is Rupert Murdoch who attempts to monopolize the newspaper industry, to break the print unions and prosper by becoming an agent of the Government.

"The Murdoch newspaper empire has to be broken up. Rupert Murdoch has to be prevented from extending his malign influence into national television (applause).

"We promise a detailed media policy at next year's conference. It will reaffirm that in a democratic society there must be newspapers which reflect the views of every section of society, not simply one party and one point of view.

"It will encourage the development of new papers. It will break up the great concentration of newspaper power. It will reject the idea of selling off television channels to the highest bidder.

"It will protect public service broadcasting and retain Channel 4 in its present constitutional form."

The central objective of a future Labour government would be to change the balance of power.

Socialism and democracy went hand in hand. The task was to make Britain a more socialist society by increasing real democracy, not the trappings of democracy.

"What matters is not the pomp of the courts but the social conscience of the judges . . . not the freedom of the newspaper proprietor to make a fortune but the right of the people to read the truth.

"What matters is not assertions that women must be equal, but action, like the guaranteed provision of child care, which make equality a reality . . . not pieties about equal opportunities but a concerted and coordinated campaign against racism and racial prejudice in all its forms.

"That is the intention of the policy review and I promise you that intention will be fulfilled" (applause).

## Franchises 'must protect public'

**BROADCASTING**

Labour in government should insist on a public service obligation to entertain, inform, and educate being inserted into television franchises, **Mr Robin Corbett**, MP for Birmingham, Erdington, and spokesman on broadcasting, said.

He was speaking on a composite motion reaffirming the party's support for the defence and further extension of public service broadcasting.

**Mr Alan Sapper**, Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, moved the motion. It opposed the Government's continued drive to impose market forces throughout broadcasting. It also viewed with alarm the increasing amount of censorship by government of programme makers.

The motion called for a review, which should consider a restriction on the number of newspapers that could be owned by one individual or corporation.

Mr Sapper, praising the existing system of public service broadcasting, said that satellite material from America and Australia would mean the loss of jobs.

**Mr Denny Sergeant**, Sogat, seconding, asked how a society could claim to be truly democratic and its press free when in Britain it was three publishers – Maxwell, Murdoch and Stevens together – who controlled 73 per cent of the national dailies and 82 per cent of the national Sunday newspapers.

Mr Corbett said that in the name of freedom the Government was about to destroy the television service.

Would a Murdoch channel put up the cash for a *Jewel in the Crown*, *Brideshead Revisited* or *Upstairs Downstairs*? "Will he become the patron of the Proms? Will the satellite *Sun* turn to that? Only if half the choir and orchestra is topless."

The motion, which the NEC supported, was carried.

# 'Weasel' Kaufman hits back at critic

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary, was accused yesterday of being "weasely" during angry exchanges with the television presenter David Dimbleby in an interview about the party's defence policy.

The two men clashed over the meaning of the compromise motion giving the party's world policy review group room for manoeuvre on the issue of its future defence policy.

When Mr Kaufman challenged Mr Dimbleby's interpretation, the television presenter retorted: "No, Mr Kaufman, you're being weasely with me, you're being weasely with me".

Accusing Mr Dimbleby of failing even to read the motion, an angry Mr Kaufman added, during an interview on BBC Television: "You're being rude to me . . . and I am not going to accept that kind of rudeness".

After Mr Dimbleby read out parts of the motion, Mr Kaufman said: "Absolutely, so why do you distort it? That resolution, if it is carried, asks the review to look at unilateral matters as well as multilateral. And really, it is very offensive indeed that when I accurately quote a resolution which you've clearly not studied very carefully, you then very objectionably accuse me of being weasely."



Mr Kaufman: Accusation was very objectionable

# Section 28 'will have to be repealed'

**DEMOCRACY**

Section 28 of the Local Government Act, preventing promotion by local authorities of homosexuality, would be repealed by the next Labour Government, Miss Jo Richardson, national executive committee, said.

Introducing Labour's policy review document *Democracy for the Individual and the Community*, she said: "In the meantime we must refuse to go on the defensive. Legal opinion advises that nothing in section 28 makes illegal any of the work currently being carried out by local authorities."

Yet all over the country authorities were closing lesbian and gay initiatives or concealing them beneath a cloud of euphemism.

She said that women were rejecting macho Thatcher. There was now no difference in women's support for the main political parties. The traditional Conservative advantage had been eroded and a new gender gap was emerging in Labour's favour.

Civil servants should have a positive duty to report ministers whom they believed to be behaving improperly. These rights must not only be equal in practice but equal for all citizens irrespective of sex, colour, creed, sexual orientation, or disability. Discrimination against people with disabilities should be illegal.

● The conference carried by 5,091,000 votes to 997,000 a motion calling for a strong commitment to lesbian and gay rights to be in the next Labour manifesto, and to be operated by trade unions and Labour councils now. It was moved by **Miss Carole Judge**, Labour Students, who said that section 28 should be repealed.

"What sort of society can legislate away the rights of a group in society and still call itself democracy? I always thought the true test of democracy was the way it treated the rights of minorities within it."

● A motion protesting at some Labour MPs supporting the Alton Bill which would have restricted abortion, was remitted to the NEC.

The motion noted the persistence of the NEC in speaking of the individual rights of members on the abortion issue, even though the 1985 conference passed a resolution abandoning the idea of conscience clauses.

The motion was moved by **Miss Anni Marjoram**, Bath, who said that they were concerned at the attempt to criminalize innocent women for exercising their fundamental right whether or not to have a child.

"Turning women into criminals because they wish to have control over their own bodies is a wilful attempt by men to intimidate women."

**Mrs Pearl Costello**, Oldham Central and Royton, opposing the resolution, said that the party supported every minority except one: the unborn child. They did not even give it the right to live. They simply tore it in bits out of the womb, she said, to loud protests.

● The conference passed a composite motion calling for prevention programmes on child abuse to be introduced into schools.

**Miss Evelyn Ross**, Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union, said that for 40 years she had kept the guilty secret of how she had been abused by her brother until two years ago she told her union conference. "No one will ever know what an effort it was.

"Somehow I thought I was guilty. I thought it was my fault. I think that a lot of children feel like that. I could not find a way out of my situation. I felt I would not be believed; I felt that I might be blamed and I felt that my mother's heart would be broken.

She prayed that her brother would die. He was killed in an air-raid with two of her sisters. "Imagine the burden of guilt that I carried."

"I am not asking for your pity for me. What happened to me was years ago. Use your pity and compassion for the children who are afraid to go to bed tomorrow" (applause).

● The legal aid scheme was being squeezed by the Government so that only just over half the population was now eligible for it, compared with four-fifths in 1979, **Mr David Bean**, Society of Labour Lawyers, said.

He seconded a motion, later adopted, condemning Government changes in the system and calling for a properly funded national network of law and advice centres, aid for tribunal claimants, the raising of eligibility limits to qualify at least four-fifths of the population and extension of aid to defamation actions.

● A motion calling for an urgent and comprehensive study of electoral reform was rejected.

It was opposed by the NEC, with **Mr Roy Hattersley** objecting in his speech to the implications of making the European convention law.

● Delegates passed a motion seeking a change in the law to allow workers to have paid time off to become councillors and to take part in other civic activities.

● A resolution calling for the establishment of regional assemblies for England and Wales as well as for Scotland was remitted to the NEC.

● A motion condemning the Government's plan to impose a computerized national identity card scheme for football supporters was carried.

## N Ireland withdrawal rejected

The consequence of British withdrawal would be violence on a scale not previously seen, **Mr Kevin McNamara**, Northern Ireland spokesman, said.

The conference rejected a motion, opposed by the platform, calling for withdrawal from the province by the next Labour government. A motion aimed at reducing inequality of opportunity between Roman Catholics and Protestants was passed.

**Miss Jaqueline Kreel**, Hackney, said that Britain was ultimately responsible for the loss of life and misery. It was Britain's responsibility to bring about disengagement.

**Mr McNamara** said that no one could defeat terrorism by adopting the methods of the terrorists. That was why a proper inquiry must be held into the Gibraltar shootings.

A phased withdrawal from Northern Ireland implied a timetable that would involve a series of possible appointments with armageddon.

King's Cross inquest

# LRT agrees to pay the legal costs for families of victims

By Paul Vallely

The London Regional Transport board has agreed to pay the legal fees of the barrister representing the families of those who died in the King's Cross fire last November.

Mr Charles Pugh, counsel for five families, made the announcement at the inquest on the fire's 31 fatalities yesterday. He said the decision had been made in accordance with a request by social workers.

Relatives of the deceased said they were "amazed but delighted" at London Transport's change of heart.

Mrs Mary Groombridge, who lost her mother in the disaster, said: "I think they have finally realized how distressed the families have been".

Earlier, the policeman most severely injured in the fire broke down at the inquest as he recalled trying to save a burning victim.

Police Constable Stephen Hanson said he had a sense of foreboding before the initial flames at King's Cross suddenly erupted into a devastating, lethal fireball.

He was the only officer in the ticket hall when the fireball flashed up an escalator and filled the station concourse.

"I heard a whoosh and saw a ball of fire", he said. "It knocked me down. I had a great sensation of pain in my hands. I was on the floor and looked towards the Victoria Line and saw passengers crouching down. I said to the others, 'follow me'. Within seconds the flames had curled round, gone right round the booking hall and back to me.

"I was on my hands and knees and crawled to the barrier that I had left open", he said.

"I knew I would not get through in time. I vaulted the barrier. The heat really took its toll at that moment. I thought I was going to die because it was so hot.

"As I crawled along the floor there was a body in front of me. To this day I don't know if it was a man or a woman. I tried to take hold of the person . . ."

At that point PC Hanson was unable to continue. He put his head in his hands, one of which, 10 months after the fire, was still covered by a surgical glove. He seemed to fight back tears.

"I tried to pull the person along . . ." He broke off again.

"I tried but my hands just could not physically keep hold of the person.

"I tried to stand up. I made one last-ditch attempt to get out of the ticket hall. I felt my way along the wall. I found my way by punching the wall with my right hand. I punched a window which I put my hand through.

"I got to a corridor and I screamed, 'If anyone can hear me, for God's sake come this way'. I realized if I didn't get out then, I was going to die."

Earlier, Mrs Olive Bouharri, of north London, said she was one of the first passengers to recognize the seriousness of the fire. She hesitated at the foot of the escalator under which the fire began.

"I looked up and saw there was a haze. Then I thought I was imagining it and started to walk up", she said.

About half way up she realized that a fire was raging beneath one of the escalator steps.

"I saw a very deep fire that had been going on for some time. Not a light fire but something that reminded me of machinery on fire. It was very deep and full-bodied, as if you opened the door to a furnace and saw solid flame.

"I ran back down the escalator shouting: 'There's a fire'."

At the bottom, she and another woman tried to prevent fellow travellers from mounting the escalator but were pushed out of the way.

She then rushed up a parallel escalator to the ticket office. "By that time smoke and a few little flames were coming out of the handrail. I told people, 'It's a dangerous situation. I think it's going to explode'," she said.

"I tried to warn people but it seemed to be ineffective. They were still pouring down the escalator even though flames were coming out of the top.

"I am sure that they all felt, like me, that everything would be taken care of, that there'd be some kind of system, that we would be protected."

The inquest continues today.

# Striking a chord with young patients



Jessica O'Leary, a violinist with the Orchestra of The World, helps Lucy Harley, aged five, play a tune during a visit by the musicians to patients at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, yesterday. The orchestra is hoping to raise £1 million for the hospital with a gala concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London next Monday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

# Property speculation is on the wane

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

The psychology of the housing market has changed and speculative buying has decreased, the Halifax Building Society says.

The society says buyers no longer expect large increases in the value of property. "There is less of a rush to buy simply to avoid being outbid."

The number of home-buyers has fallen from the levels of early summer and is now 20 per cent down on a year ago.

But while there has been a switch from a sellers' market to a buyers' market, the Halifax does not expect house prices to drop. "In no area is there evidence of falling prices or of any 'crash' in the housing market", the report says.

There are significant differences between different regions of the country. The heat is off London and the South-east and a "ripple effect" is pushing house prices up more rapidly in other regions.

Prices are climbing most stongly in the West Midlands, where they have risen by 54.7 per cent over the past year.

In East Anglia, house prices have risen by 54.5 per cent – but the average price of a house in the West Midlands is still under £56,000, while in East Anglia, the average home costs more than £75,000.

By the end of next year, the Halifax expects house price rises nationally to be down to 10 per cent a year.

The Halifax survey period includes the first rise in home loan rates on August 1, but not this month's mortgage jump.

With the average house in the UK now costing almost £62,300 – compared with £47,800 a year ago – first-time buyers are finding it difficult to enter the market. Their demand for mortgages last month was down by more than a third compared with September 1987.

● Consumer spending on home security reached a record £175 million last year, £35 million more than the previous 12 months, a Mintel report says.

# Crowded train protest by driver

By Ian Smith

Railwaymen renewed demands for passenger limits on all trains last night after a driver refused to move an overcrowded commuter train.

Their demands for legislation to "prevent minor incidents becoming major tragedies" was made as British Rail launched an inquiry into an incident at Piccadilly Station in Manchester.

For more than 30 minutes passengers stood, according to some commuters, "crushed like sardines" on an Inter City train bound for Sheffield while the driver argued with a rail official who insisted that the train leave the station.

The perturbed driver insisted the train was unsafe and his claims were supported by passengers, who described conditions as like an "unsafe cattle truck". The train eventually left the station in spite of the protests.

British Rail apologised to inconvenienced commuters but denied crowded trains were unsafe.

"We do not accept that crowded trains mean danger. Our rolling stock is designed to ensure the safety of all commuters should an incident occur and it would be no more difficult evacuating a crowded train than one carrying few passengers", an official said.

However the National Union of Railwaymen accused British Rail of a cavalier attitude and spoke of the disaster that could easily occur if a grossly overcrowded train were involved in any accident.

Guards concerned with overcrowding had been threatened with disciplinary action for refusing to take out trains, the union said.

Hinkley Point inquiry

# CEGB presses nuclear case

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Central Electricity Generating Board was 80 per cent dependent on coal and diversification was essential, a board official told the Hinkley Point C public inquiry yesterday.

Mr Frank Jenkin, the board's corporate director of strategic studies, said in written evidence to the hearing at Cannington, near Bridgwater, that there were three occasions of serious interruption to fuel supplies. All arose from industrial action in the British coal industry, he submitted.

In 1972 there were rota disconnections; in 1974, electricity demand was reduced by the three-day week; and in 1984 and 1985, maintaining supplies in the coal dispute cost £2,000 million on the normal fuel bill by burning large amounts of oil.

Mr Jenkin said that showed the distinction between having sufficient electricity generating plant and in having enough of the various fuels to secure supplies: coal, oil and nuclear fuel.

Supporting the board's case for the £1.5 billion Hinkley Point C power station to be based on a pressurized water reactor, he argued that since the CEGB is 80 per cent depeadent on coal, diversification into other types of fuel was essential.

Nuclear energy was the leading contender because it provided a potentially large resource that could be developed in a timely way.

He suggested if Hinkley Point C was justified now on grounds of diversity in providing non-fossil fuel, then it should, in principle also be justified if the privatization legislation for the electricity industry failed.

That view of non-fossil fuel energy supply was challenged earlier by Mr John Jackson, of the Railway Conservation Society. He said he did not see very much diversity around, such as the possibility of developing a Severn Barrage.

In response, Mr Derek Davis, a member of the electricity generating board, said: "Diversity is a national policy and not a local policy.

"Therefore, the Severn Barrage has to be judged not in the context of a local diversity contribution, but in the context of a national diversity contribution."

Mr Davis said the generating board intended to show that Hinkley Point C compared economically with the Severn Barrage.

Rather than wait for the results of the barrage study, it wanted to pursue Hinkley Point C, with a possible investment later in a barrage project.

The inquiry continues today.

# Churches in recruiting drive

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

All the main Christian denominations in England are cooperating for the first time in a national membership recruitment campaign which was launched yesterday.

Advertisements will be placed in the national press, women's magazines and other journals, and posters and leaflets will be available in such places as public libraries inviting the public to respond by telephone or post.

The first advertisement, which will appear in the next few weeks, states: "There is 1 who really cares", with an address and phone number.

People who respond will receive a free copy of St Luke's Gospel and be asked if their names can be passed to an appropriate church in their area. Where there is a need for specialized help, they will be put in contact with counselling agencies run by the churches.

In a similar campaign in Scotland about one in five inquirers asked to be put in touch with a church in their neighbourhood.

The Christian Enquiry Agency, inaugurated yesterday at a meeting at St Bride's, Fleet Street, is backed by charitable funds and run by a committee of representatives of churches, including the Church of England, the Salvation Army, the Baptist Union and Africa-Caribbean churches.

It will be the first time such bodies as the Roman Catholic Church and the Evangelical Alliance have cooperated officially. The Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Catholic Inquiry Centre, the two main church bodies with experience of national advertising campaigns, have helped to devise the style of publicity.

The campaign follows the success of a similar scheme in Scotland which has been running for two years.

Inquiries thought appropriate for the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of England will be forwarded to the relevant diocese and then passed to the local clergy. Other inquiries will be forwarded through the national headquarters of each church.

*The Christian Enquiry Agency is at Inter-Church House, 35, Lower Marsh, London SE1; phone (01) 620 0718.*

Weekend food prices

# Variety of carrots for every need

Safeway supermarkets are soon to offer customers a choice of carrots. They can decide which variety – Parisienne Zino Mokun or the Supreme Chantenay or some other – to buy for their individual needs: to eat raw, cooked, for stews or to make juice. If you do not like the colour there will be yellow or white varieties too.

Carrots at 10p-25p a pound, superb cauliflowers 25p-50p each, courgettes 45p-60p, calabrese 40p-80p a pound, Brussels sprouts 20p-40p a pound, potatoes 9p-16p a pound and mushrooms 40p-75p a half pound are all home grown and good quality.

Celery is at 25p-50p a head, cucumbers are 30p-60p each, round lettuce 18p-28p each and iceberg lettuce 40p-75p a head. Spring onions at 20p-30p a bunch, Jersey outdoor and hothouse tomatoes are excellent salad buys. Grapes are abundant but the large juicy Italia variety at 35p-75p a pound and Thompson seedless at 45p-80p are marvellous value.

Top-quality English cokes at 45p-55p a pound and Worcester apples at 28p-50p are the best home-grown varieties. There are new season Granny Smiths and golden delicious from France at 30p-50p a pound.

Fresh fish prices have risen this week but quality and choice are excellent. Herring, mackerel and dab are the exceptions: they are down 3p-4p a pound. Dover sole is up 28p on the average price and lemon sole is up about 5p.

Bejam has launched four new recipe fish dishes: plaice fillet with lemon and dill sauce 280g for £1.69; plaice with smoked salmon sauce 400g for £1.89; fillets of cod with asparagus 300g for £1.59; and cod fillets with garlic and mushrooms 300g for £1.59. All can be baked.

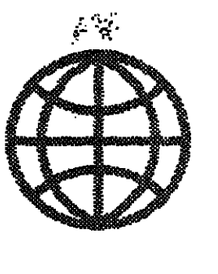
British unsmoked streaky bacon costs about 99p a pound and best back rashers about £1.75. Smoked and rindless bacon cost more.

Most beef cuts will be slightly dearer, the exceptions being topside, silverside and stewing beef at an average of £2.47 and £1.62 a pound respectively.

Forerib on the bone is an average £1.73 a pound and boneless brisket £1.78. Promotional beef offers include Asda braising steak at £1.69 a pound; Sainsburys topside £1.78; and Tesco minced beef 98p.

Presto pork steaks are £1.58 a pound, Sainsburys pork loin chump end chops £1.08, Safeway pork steaks £1.58 and Tesco pork loin steak £1.69.


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### Yugoslav party machine gives way to demonstration of people's power

# Angry Serbs topple the leadership of Vojvodina province

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The communist leadership of the Vojvodina region of Yugoslavia has been forced from office by an angry crowd of 100,000 that took to the streets demanding their resignation.

A few hours earlier, at an emergency meeting of the Presidium of the Serbian Communist Party, the leadership was accused of political offences amounting, in essence, to blocking constitutional changes in Serbia and obstructing an early solution to the problem of Serbians in the Kosovo region.

Convened after a crowd of protesters assembled in Novi Sad, the Vojvodina capital, to demand the immediate resignation of the local leadership, the Serbian Presidium supported the demonstrators and also called for a purge in the media and at lower levels in the party because of "opportunist" attitudes and "irresponsible behaviour" which had ignored the demands of three million Serbs.

For the past two months, Serbians in Vojvodina have been ever more militantly supporting Serbia's call for control of its two autonomous provinces, and have been rallying around the ambitious Serbian leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic.

Having successfully brought down the Vojvodina leadership, his staunchest adversaries in the constitutional battle, Mr Milosevic has now rid himself of a serious obstacle in the way of an accord.

He has throughout the summer recruited the widest popular backing yet seen by organizing protest rallies around the theme that Serbia should have equality with Yugoslavia's other five constituent republics.

But he has now taken an important step forward in achieving his goal; at the same time he has reinforced his personal position within the country's Communist federal leadership.

This is especially relevant on the eve of the Yugoslavian Central Committee meeting, at which he will now be able to speak from a position of considerable strength, with almost the entire nation behind his call for more radical moves against Albanian separatism in Kosovo. The next step will come with the expected resignations of Albanian Communist functionaries in Kosovo, many of whom have been persistently the targets of vicious Serbian attacks at protest rallies.

For 24 hours, the Communist leadership of Vojvodina was under siege from the swelling crowd, which refused to listen to their pleas to wait until the next day, when the leadership's resignations would be tendered.

The protesters surrounded the regional party headquarters, accusing the Vojvodina leadership of corruption, of blocking reforms and of betraying Serbia by siding with Albanian separatists.

Attempts to address the crowd failed, and several leading local politicians were shouted down, abused and pelted with cups of yoghurt, salami and tins of fruit juice.

Fear that the protests might escalate into a riot probably prompted the Presidium to surrender the Vojvodina leadership, thus leaving the final decision to the Serbian leadership.

But having scented victory, there is a danger that the Serbs may not be placated as easily again, even though Mr Milosevic can be relied on to call a halt and expect to be obeyed, being the only man who enjoys their confidence.

A few days ago, it was enough for him to tell several thousand angry workers in Belgrade to go back to work for them to do so. No one else who tried to persuade them was listened to, and the performance was repeated the next day when another angry group of workers came to the Federal Parliament demanding higher wages and the sacking of the Government. Mr Milosevic now appears to be the only leader the Serbs can believe and who can produce results.

But Yugoslavia's problems are so complex and so enormous — economically, ethnically and politically — that it will take a long time for the reforms to begin to produce results. The constitutional changes whereby Serbia would obtain full control over its two provinces will not, however, resolve any of the problems, including the one in Kosovo.

In that autonomous province, the Albanians represent an overwhelming ethnic majority and the two nations have yet to learn to co-exist.



Police keeping protesters from the party building in Novi Sad. The placard reads: "Serbia strong, Yugoslavia stronger".

# Scientist seeks Baker's help

From David Tytler
Education Editor
Akademgorodok, Siberia

Siberian scientists yesterday asked the British Government to help them develop and sell new chemicals which could be used in finding treatments for cancer.

Professor Yuri Tsvetkov, a leading researcher at the Siberian Academy of Sciences, told a delegation led by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, that they had produced a new strain of chemicals.

In a strong plea for assistance, Professor Tsvetkov, speaking at the Academy's headquarters in Academgorodok, said: "We have hundreds of unique compounds, but we cannot sell them. Can you help us? Help us."

Sir David Phillips, Mr Baker's chief scientific adviser, said that work on nitroxide compounds was already going on but that it was possible the Soviet scientists had made important new discoveries.

The compounds are used as trace elements to discover the nature of living cells and could be helpful in medical research, particularly into forms of cancer.

It is only in the last three months that Soviet scientists have been allowed to embark on joint ventures with Western countries and little is known about their work at present.

Mr Baker said: "I am sure British companies can help. The first thing is to discover exactly what they have achieved and to send scientists from Britain to assess the work.

"We will need more visits here to discover what else is going on and what can be exploited.

"It may be that they have also made useful discoveries in the search for oil after their work to find ways of extracting oil from beneath the Siberian permafrost. We may well be able to set up joint ventures, but we need to know much more."

Sir David, a biochemist, said: "Nitroxides are useful in examining complex molecular structures. The Russians clearly think they have discovered something special."

It is likely that Amersham International, the privatized commercial offshoot of the Atomic Research Centre at Harwell, will be asked to assist in the evaluation.

# Soviet changes split East bloc

From Richard Bassett
Budapest

The congratulatory telegrams arriving for Mr Gorbachov from Eastern Europe this week conceal, beneath their protocol sentiments, varying degrees of enthusiasm for his success in becoming the first Kremlin ruler since Stalin to hold, in theory at least, so many of the reins of power.

For the Hungarians, always nervous that change in Moscow will act as a brake on their reforms, a widespread sigh of relief could be heard echoing round the ministries of trade and foreign affairs.

"This is an historic occasion" one Hungarian official said. "There will be no stopping us now".

The Hungarians, who have pushed their standards of living higher each year have more than any other Eastern bloc country to lose from a setback to Mr Gorbachov in Moscow.

Budapest arouses much jealousy in more conservative quarters of the communist world, and Mr Karoly Grosz, the Hungarian Prime Minister, is all too aware of his country's dependence on Mr Gorbachov's success.

In Poland, General Jaruzelski, who recently made extravagant efforts to scratch some of the glamour of *glasnost* as he rubbed shoulders with Mr Gorbachov this summer, will also be genuinely relieved at the recent Kremlin changes. The removal of Mr Gorbachov spelt damage General Jaruzelski.

For the other countries of Eastern Europe — East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria — Mr Gorbachov's seemingly unassailable position is regarded still with scepticism by bureaucrats rigidly opposed to any change. It is hard to see at this stage how the developments in Moscow can affect the entrenched old guard.

Mr Nicolae Ceausescu's regime in Romania is grotesquely opposed to everything Mr Gorbachov stands for. It is extremely unlikely that last week's events in Moscow will affect the plight of the Romanian people, although they continue to hope that Mr Gorbachov will one day have the courage to bring the Ceausescu clan to heel.

In East Germany, Herr Erich Honecker, along with every East German official, continues to see *perestroika* as a term irrelevant to East German society. East Germany's meagre but, by Soviet standards, impressive economic track record, reinforces its powers of inertia. Herr Honecker is something of a moderate, and it is clear that Moscow will be unwilling to rock so vulnerable a boat as East Germany until signs of a new generation of leaders appear.

Just how long it could take for such a generation to appear, let alone take power in a country which resists *glasnost*, is vividly illustrated by Czechoslovakia. There, a subtle policy of talking about *glasnost* and *perestroika* but doing little about them has set back any hopes Mr Gorbachov might have cherished for swift change in the heart of Europe.

In Bulgaria, Mr Gorbachov will continue to be checked by the sluggish Balkan pace of change.

● MOSCOW: — President Ceausescu, adamant that his country does not need Kremlin-style reforms, has told President Gorbachov during a visit to Moscow that Romania was transformed two decades ago, after he assumed power (Reuter reports).

In a joint communiqué published in *Pravda* yesterday, Mr Gorbachov said the Soviet party was "deeply convinced of the need for a thorough renewal of socialism". But Mr Ceausescu said there had already been radical changes in Romania in 1965.

# Kremlin's new manifesto

From A Correspondent
Moscow

President Gorbachov's new ideology chief, Mr Vadim Medvedev, has already laid down the main lines of the "new thinking" which, presumably, is approved by the majority of the Politburo and can be regarded as the Communist Party's new political programme.

Speaking to a conference of social scientists from socialist countries, he made it clear that there was no question of following the philosophy put forward by Mr Yegor Ligachov, particularly concerning the concept of "class struggle" in foreign policy.

Mr Medvedev's speech, reprinted in *Pravda*, brought out the following points which he described as a "new conception of socialism":

● "Peaceful co-existence" is not a tactic of the moment, but a "long-term process".

● "Common human values" should take precedence over "class struggles" in international relations.

● "Public debate" is not a question of "letting the genie out of the bottle".

● *Glasnost* is "the sword which heals the wounds it causes" — a direct quotation from Lenin.

● A real "pluralist" must take into account the "objective structure of society".

● Different socialist experiences in communist countries "are a source of enrichment".

● The economic and social example of the Western countries can provide "useful lessons" for reforms.

● The law of supply and demand "is an essential condition for efficient management of the economy".

● The ideas of "leasing" and "long-term contracts" should not be restricted to agriculture and services, but be extended to light and heavy industry.

This programme is at odds with the thesis put forward by Mr Yegor Ligachov in Gorky on August 5, and which was refuted by Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev just a week later.

Mr Medvedev is thus approving the ideas of Mr Yakovlev, who has a commission on international affairs, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

● BUDAPEST: A two-day meeting organized by the Institute for World Economic Research ended yesterday in Sopron, western Hungary, with an agreement that it should become a free trade zone (Richard Bassett writes). The announcement was made yesterday evening by officials from the Ministry of Finance and local party bosses.

The decision will convert what is already a favourite shopping area for tens of thousands of Austrians who live just across the frontier into an "island" of Western trade in a communist country.

The Hungarian leader, Mr Karoly Grosz, has often said that Hungary's programme of economic reform must bring free market forces into play.

## WORLD ROUNDUP

### Pentagon almost halves SDI costs

*Washington* — Bowing to congressional budget pressures in an election year, the Pentagon has all but halved the cost of initial deployment of the Strategic Defence Initiative to only $69 billion (about £40 billion) from the $115 billion previously estimated (Michael Binyon writes).

The announcement yesterday confirms a report in *The Times* earlier this week that Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, had commissioned a new study of ways to bring down the huge costs of the programme's space-based element. The Pentagon did not set a timetable for deployment, saying a decision would have to be made in the 1990s "contingent on adequate funding levels".

The study, drawn up by the Defence Acquisition Board, reduced the initial cost of space-based interceptors from $52 billion to $18 billion. A group under the SDI chief scientist, Dr O'Dean Judd, recommended halving the number of small defensive missiles based in space, increasing by 70 per cent the number of ground-based missiles.

### 'Iron Lady' visits

Mrs Thatcher yesterday received a visitor whose *curriculum vitae* could easily be mistaken for her own. Miss Eugenia Charles, the Prime Minister of Dominica, has been called the "Iron Lady of the Caribbean", but there are other links (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).

Like Mrs Thatcher, she was called to the Bar in London in the early post-war years, subsequently entered politics and seems likely to complete a decade or more as Prime Minister. When she took office in July 1980, it was at the expense of the Dominica Labour Party.

### Chicago flights cut

New York — The US Civil Aviation Authority has ordered a cut in rush-hour air traffic at Chicago's main airport, one of the world's busiest, after a series of errors by over-taxed controllers (Charles Bremner writes).

The action has multiplied already serious rush-hour delays at O'Hare and the smaller Chicago Midway airport. Two errors last Friday and one on Sunday allowed airliners to bunch up on the approach to landing, breaking rules for the minimum safe distance of separation. A similar mistake was reported on Tuesday after the cuts went into effect.

### Boat people beaten

Hong Kong — Prison officers beat up nearly 100 Vietnamese boat people after a riot in a refugee camp, according to the report of a Government commission released yesterday (Chris Pomery writes).

The report criticised prison medical officials for making only cursory examinations after the incident at the Hei Ling Chau detention centre on July 19. Vietnamese detainees described how suspected leaders from a hut housing 648 single men, where the riot broke out after a dispute over meals, were segregated and beaten by staff in riot gear.

### US arbitration offer

Washington — The United States has proposed that certain disputes between Washington and Moscow be submitted to the World Court for arbitration the Reagan Administration promised to accept (Michael Binyon writes).

The proposal, in reply to Soviet suggestions that the five permanent Security Council members strengthen the court by accepting its jurisdiction in certain areas, comes two years after the US rejected a ruling upholding Nicaraguan complaints that the US had mined harbours. Britain and France have approved it, *The New York Times* reported.

# Chilean opposition celebrates Pinochet defeat

From Jake Sagaris
Santiago

Thousands of opposition supporters took to the streets of Santiago in the early hours yesterday to celebrate the defeat of President Pinochet in the referendum to decide whether he should continue in power for another eight years.

The celebrations came after Señor Sergio Fernández, the Chilean Minister of the Interior, officially conceded that the Government had been beaten. Peaceful demonstrators tooted car horns and chanted: "He's going to fall, he's going to fall". It was the same rallying cry that had been heard during countless anti-government protests in the past five years.

In smaller cities, such as Concepción in the south, more cautious voters cast their ballots largely against General Pinochet, then waited tensely in their homes to see what would happen.

According to the opposition newspaper *Fortín Mapocho*, the military governor of Concepción announced that the armed forces would be out in the street and aiming to kill at the same time as voting opened in the city.

Señor Loreto Muñoz, of the Humanist Party in Concepción, said that its scrutineers had had problems carrying out their duties. In at least one polling centre, officials had attempted to convince blind voters to vote "yes".

Opposition returns by early yesterday indicated that the President had received about 39.9 per cent of the vote, with 57.8 per cent opposing him.

The Government gave the *no* vote 53.31 per cent, compared with 44.34 per cent for General Pinochet. The official results, from the electoral service, were expected today.

General Fernando Matthei, of the Air Force, was the first junta member to recognize that the vote had gone against the official candidate, as he arrived for an emergency meeting of the junta and 15 Cabinet members early yesterday morning.

In his official announcement, Señor Fernández emphasized that only by respecting the Constitution could Chile's health and stability be preserved. Señor Patricio Aylwin, the president of the opposition Christian Democratic Party who officially announced the victory of the "no" vote, said that, despite the "adverse and unequal conditions" in which the plebiscite had taken place, "the Chilean people have successfully expressed their rejection of the candidate, Augusto Pinochet".

Señor Aylwin said that it was time to end the period of confrontation and division in Chile, adding: "The overwhelming majority have understood that Pinochet is the obstacle for a genuine reconciliation and have rejected him accordingly."

He emphasized that the armed forces and police were necessary even in a democracy and expressed his conviction that they would be willing to negotiate with the opposition.

Despite fears to the contrary, voting was entirely peaceful. There were huge queues outside polling stations in the morning, the result of the opposition's call for people to vote early.

The victory of the anti-Pinochet campaign is only the beginning of a long and tortuous road back to democracy, which will put the opposition's recently achieved fragile unity to a severe test. Sixteen political parties joined in the "no" campaign.

While the left generally has insisted that a "no" vote would mean the rejection not only of General Pinochet, but the military's 1980 Constitution, the Christian Democrats, led by conservatives such as Señor Aylwin, have emphasized that rejection of the President's continued rule should lead to serious negotiations with the armed forces.

Technically, under the 1980 Constitution, General Pinochet will continue in office until March, 1990, presiding over multi-candidate elections scheduled for the end of next year. Even if he is no longer President, he will continue as Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Army, the post which brought him to power in the 1973 coup, and he will also sit on the National Security Council, a body which can over-rule the civilian authorities at any time.

One-third of the members of the Congress would be appointed, a sore point with all the opposition.

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# Aylwin heads list of potential leaders

From Our Correspondent
Santiago

In the wake of President Pinochet's referendum defeat, opposition political leaders will be jockeying to increase their role in Chile's future.

Foremost among these is Señor Patricio Aylwin, leader of the Christian Democrats and spokesman for the 16-party coalition which headed the campaign against General Pinochet. He would clearly be his party's presidential candidate if the opportunity arose. An experienced former senator, he was party president during the Marxist Government of Dr Salvador Allende and initially supported the 1973 military coup.

Throughout the campaign, he played down the thorny issue of justice for the victims of human rights violations.



Señor Aylwin: Led campaign to end Pinochet presidency.

Señor Ricardo Lagos, of the Party for Democracy, a moderate branch of the Socialist Party, also became very popular during the campaign.

Señor Lagos is a respected economist and former official in the Allende Government. He also was the target of a smear campaign in pro-Pinochet campaign advertising. This included a nationally broadcast interview with his former wife, who accused him of letting a family business go bankrupt and treating workers and women with absolute contempt. While popular with many Chileans, his socialism and participation in the Allende administration would probably make him unacceptable to the armed forces.

Comments by Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa to the press after the President's defeat suggest that he would like to play a leading role in whatever government follows General Pinochet. He has weathered five decades of political conflict in Chile, and is a skilled politician who has manoeuvred the military regime out of several tight spots.

Señor Germán Riesco, the president of the National Party faction which opposed General Pinochet in the referendum, could be the dark-horse candidate acceptable to all. Other prominent Christian Democrats, such as Señor Sergio Molina, of the Committee for Free Elections, Señor Andres Zaldivár, the former party president, and Señor Gabriel Valdes, the former Chancellor, could also be candidates were Señor Aylwin not acceptable.

# Fatigue and optimism in Nîmes after flood disaster

From Philip Jacobson
Nîmes, France

The people of Nîmes are only now beginning to grasp the enormity of the disaster that has overtaken them as the waters of the flash flood recede after devastating the heart of their ancient city on Monday.

A sea of stinking yellowish mud, several feet thick in places, has invaded their homes and offices, hospitals and churches.

Down almost any street dog-tired men and women are sifting through the remains of what were once trim houses and well-stocked stores. At every corner, there are great piles of ruined furniture, sodden rugs and mattresses, books, clothes, children's games.

The air of Nîmes, throbbing with the noise of generators and water pumps, is thick with the smell of wet plaster and the lingering fumes from gas mains ruptured by the fury of the waves that ripped up entire roads as if they were made of paper. Cars were scattered around like so many toys: in the historic Richelieu quarter which took the full shock of the flood, two dozen vehicles were heaped on top of each other in a wall of tangled metal as high as a four-storey house.

Others ended up wrapped around trees and lamp posts 100 yards away or disappeared into the pale brown torrent of water pouring down the canal which cuts through the centre.

By some miracle the death toll so far has not even reached double figures, thanks in large part to countless acts of individual heroism.

The local paper, *Midi Libre*, commemorated one of these in yesterday's edition: M Bernard Lespès, a bus driver, had shepherded all his 20 passengers to safety as 6 ft waves battered his vehicle. He left it too late to escape himself and his body was found later, nearly a mile away from the wreckage.

All the rescue workers here believe that there are almost certainly others still to be recovered.

The water overwhelmed Nîmes just as people were going to work and children were setting off to school (a former Cabinet minister, Mme Georgina Dufoix, was driving her youngest son in when the flood hit, destroying her car).

Some underground car parks, which would then have been filling up, have yet to be pumped out and searched.

And the canal is the graveyard for an unknown number of vehicles. At first light yesterday a team of frogmen, sent in by the Marseilles Fire Brigade, were methodically exploring a stretch of the icy, fast-flowing water alongside the Gardens of La Fontaine. Linked by a safety cord, they sank and surfaced for the best part of 30 minutes, apparently searching with an underwater camera.

The fundamental cause of the disaster, most Nimois agree, was Les Cadereaux, the network of water courses which run into the city from the northern hills above it. Unusually heavy rain last week turned into a massive downpour on Monday depositing more than 12½ inches on Nîmes in the space of nine hours.

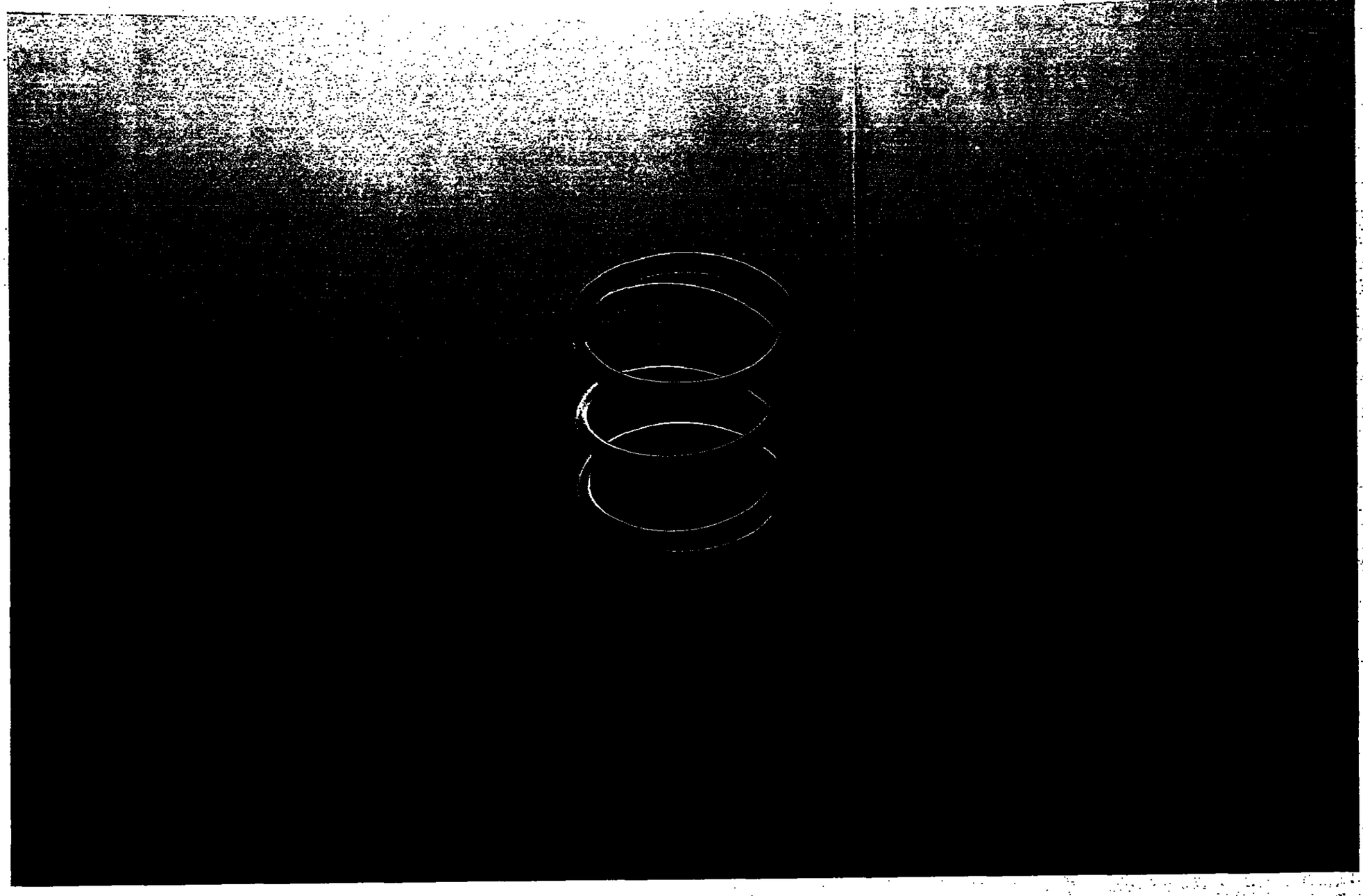
By the time the torrent hit the city centre one expert had estimated it packed a punch equivalent to a force of about 20,000 tons. The awesome pressure of the water then burst up through paved roads like an explosion, destroying everything in its path. Graphic evidence of that power could be found around one of the main tourist attractions of Nîmes, the majestic Roman Temple of Maison Carrée. Huge blocks of stone from surrounding walls were tossed into the adjoining street like pebbles. At Les Arènes, the superb Roman amphitheatre, to a height of several feet everything is covered by a glutinous coating of mud.

For the ordinary Nimois, above all for the 40,000 or more who have lost everything, the events of the past few days will never be forgotten.

In the second Book of Centuries, Nostradamus, the French prophet, wrote: "Nîmes will perish beneath the flood."

The "battle fatigue" will take a long time to wear off, but the people are notably resilient, and the disaster has brought them together in a wave of emotion and determination to rebuild their lives and their city.

In the words of M Pierre Lanvers, the president of the local chamber of commerce: "Nîmes is wounded but not dead."



# BEDSPRING OR EGGCUP?

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# 'Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy'

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Senator Dan Quayle has survived — but only just — the bruising and at times vituperative vice-presidential debate that turned mainly on his credentials and qualifications.

Placed repeatedly on the defensive over his fitness to assume the presidency should anything happen to Mr George Bush, he said at one point that he had as much congressional experience as Senator John Kennedy had when he became President — which gave Senator Lloyd Bentsen, aged 67, the Democratic nominee, an opening to land a devastating blow on the fresh-faced Indiana Senator, 26 years his junior.

In a deep baritone and with measured deliberation, he said: "I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

The audience at Omaha Civic Auditorium roared. Senator Quayle looked grim, and said: "That was really uncalled for, Senator."

Mr Bentsen retorted: "You are the one who made the comparison. And frankly, I think you are so far apart in the objectives you choose for your country that I did not think the comparison was well taken."

It was an indelible moment in an otherwise lacklustre campaign.



Senator Lloyd Bentsen: Landed a devastating blow.



Senator Dan Quayle: "That was uncalled for, Senator."

Republican campaign advisers hope voters will see the remark as a "cheap shot". But an ABC television poll immediately afterwards found that 51 per cent of an estimated 80 million viewers gave victory in the debate to Mr Bentsen, compared with 27 per cent for Mr Quayle.

Some 87 per cent thought Mr Bentsen qualified to be President and 12 per cent did not. This compared with the 48 per cent who thought Mr Quayle qualified, and the 49 per cent who thought him unqualified.

The poll also found that while support for Mr Bush did not change, support for Mr Dukakis increased by 3 per cent after the poll.

Mr Dukakis was clearly delighted by the assured and self-confident performance of his running-mate. He said he showed "strength, maturity, vision, toughness, leadership — all the qualities so important in a vice-president".

Mr Bush said Mr Quayle came through with flying colours and had been "outstanding, commanding, assured".

But Mr Quayle was battered by relentless questioning from the press panel over what he would do first should something happen to Mr Bush and he found himself President.

He appeared bemused. "First, I'd say a prayer for myself and for the country I'm about to lead," he said. "Then I would assemble his (Mr Bush's) people and talk." Asked later to expand on his answer, he said it was a "hypothetical situation".

He then said he would be in a good position to take over because he was personally acquainted with allied leaders, including Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, and because he would know all the Cabinet members by their first names.

Mr Bentsen was pressed less hard, although he was sharply questioned about his short-lived proposal to charge lobbyists $10,000 a time to have breakfast with him. He admitted the scheme was "a real doozy".

Mr Bentsen repeatedly tried to put his opponent on the defensive over his Senate votes against a variety of family and childhood assistance programmes, on the environment, on defence and the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Mr Quayle got in some strong points. He silenced audience snickers over his assertion that the US was the envy of the world. "I can guarantee you the American people think America is the envy of the world," he said.

Mr Bentsen spoke strongly on tougher trade legislation to protect jobs, taking an almost nationalistic line with the Japanese and others who had closed their markets to American goods.

In his closing statement he said he and Mr Dukakis offered the country experienced, tempered, capable leadership instead of resting on their laurels and coasting into the future as the Republicans would.

Mr Quayle ended with a cloying sentimentality that probably found wide appeal, saying that he would always remember the advice of his maternal grandmother: "You can do anything you want to if you just set your mind to it, and go to work."

Mr Quayle's performance, though clearly less convincing than the urbane and presidential-sounding Mr Bentsen's, was nevertheless better than Republican aides had feared. He made no big gaffe.

Like the presidential debate earlier, the contest probably will have little decisive effect, making the final debate between Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis all the more important.

# Palestinians shoot two in purge of 'collaborators'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A vicious purge appears to be underway in the occupied territories to wipe out any Palestinians suspected of collaboration with Israel.

Two Arabs, said by Palestinian sources to have been "collaborators", were shot dead yesterday morning. Last month four others, who were supposed to have helped Israeli security forces, were also killed.

Yesterday's victims included Mr Mustafa Salim Abu Bukhar, the *mukhtar* (headman) of Biddya village in the West Bank, who had survived two previous assassination attempts this year.

The other victim was a man, aged 22, who was expelled from the West Bank village of Anin some months ago because he was said to have helped Israeli troops. He was shot in Umm el-Fahm, a town only two miles from Anin, but inside Israeli territory.

Significantly, both of yesterday's killings were carried out by armed executioners. Other collaborators have been murdered more brutally, by stabbing, lynching and, in one case, being spiked on a meat hook. The decision to shoot the two is likely to have been taken because the victims were better protected, one as a prominent citizen and the other as a resident inside Israel.

The two attacks were too far apart for it to have been possible for the same people to have been involved in them. This means that there are certainly a number of armed groups among Palestinian militants in the West Bank.

● Court election plea: The High Court here is to be asked to disqualify the Progressive List for Peace (PLP) from next month's general election. The court is being petitioned by the right-wing Tehiya Party which yesterday narrowly lost its case to disqualify the PLP before the Central Knesset Elections Committee on the casting vote of the independent committee chairman, Judge Eliezer Goldberg.

Tehiya, which wants Israel to annexe the occupied territories, argued that the PLP seeks to destroy the state by supporting the creation of an independent Palestine.

The High Court is already considering an appeal by the extreme right-wing Kach Party which was disqualified from the election as racist by the committee on Tuesday. Both Kach and the PLP won appeals against disqualification in 1984.

The court must give its rulings by next Wednesday.

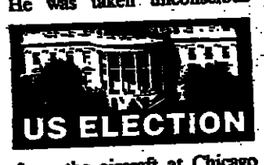
# Exhaustion takes its toll in battle for Pacific outpost

From Christopher Thomas, Seattle

Politics in Washington state are much like the weather: dramatic and unpredictable. Of a dozen big 1988 Senate battle grounds, this distinctive outpost on the Pacific is the most perplexing.

Mr Mike Lowry, a rumpled, garrulous liberal member of the House of Representatives, holds the key to Democratic hopes of breaking a tenuous Republican hold. He boasts of endorsements from the two most powerful grass roots groups in the state — organized labour and environmentalists.

But his campaign came to a screeching halt earlier this week on board a "red eye" flight between the two Washingtons, his 62nd cross-country commuter flight this year. He was taken unconscious




from the aircraft at Chicago and rushed to an intensive care unit with a bleeding ulcer.

The break in campaigning comes just as television combat has begun, signalling the start of the most intensive phase of the contest. His aides are trying to down-play the seriousness of his condition, insisting that he will be back in the fray within days.

Mr Lowry, aged 49, is not the only politician from the "other Washington" to suffer from the gruelling cross-country commuting. Two years ago, the then Senator Slade Gorton was left grim and underweight in his re-election bid — a skeletal image that his own supporters said contributed to a humiliating defeat.

Mr Gorton, aged 60, a moderate Republican, is now Mr Lowry's opponent. He looks fit and well for his comeback bid, commuting to the capital only once in a while for cocktail parties and campaign cheques.

He declared his retirement from politics after his defeat, but could not resist another fight when Senator Daniel Evans, a Republican, decided not to stand again in the seat he captured six years ago.

He is appealing to voters as a man who has learnt valuable lessons from defeat. His strategists have attempted to change his cerebral, aloof image to one of warmth and compassion. Television commercials variously show him cuddling his baby granddaughter, Betsy, or walking serenely with his dog.

Mr Lowry is known for anything but serenity. He seems to be a driven man. To help polish his image he hired Mr Bob Shrum, a consultant and speech-writer who helped engineer Senator Alan Cranston's re-election campaign in California two years ago. He has also been a speech-writer to the former Mayor of New York, Mr John Lindsay, Mr George McGovern, the former presidential candidate, and Senator Edward Kennedy.

On Mr Shrum's advice, the five-term congressman shaved his beard because it supposedly made him look too much like the Palestinian leader, Mr Yassir Arafat. And he abandoned his wild, arm-waving speaking style. His commercials emphasize his farm background and support for social security.

Mr Lowry's aides were this week feverishly planning a well-televised, all-smiles return of the congressman to his Washington DC office, just to reassure voters back home that all was well. But it may be too late to undo the potentially damaging image of exhaustion and illness generated by lengthy, grave reports in *The Seattle Times* and the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Washington state is in political flux. White collar industries are growing rapidly alongside the most unionized blue collar work force in America. The valleys around Seattle are still dense with factories and port facilities, but many are in decline.

Slowly, the character of the state is changing; as it does so political inclinations are shifting, and no one is quite sure where its sympathies lie today.

# Afghans withdraw

The Afghan Army was reported yesterday to be withdrawing from Paktia province on the Pakistan border after the fall of Sharan, one of its largest towns (Andrew McEwen writes).

Two news agencies said that Sharan, 85 miles south of Kabul, was captured by rebel Mujahidin forces on Wednesday. Neither diplomatic nor expert sources in London were able to confirm the claims yesterday, but one source said that the reports were consistent with a progressive withdrawal by the Afghan Army from non-essential areas.

## Famine plea

**Geneva (Reuter)** — The head of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies launched an appeal for $14.2 million (£8.4 million) and food aid to relieve the "forgotten" starving victims of the Ethiopian drought.

## Murder case

**Hamilton, Bermuda (AP)** — A man, aged 25, was charged with the murder of Dr Richard Wilkie, aged 42, a Briton who was medical director of the island psychiatric hospital.

## Hirohito blast

**Tokyo (Reuter)** — An oxygen cylinder which exploded outside the room where Emperor Hirohito of Japan lay gravely ill did not disturb him but badly injured a plumber working on hospital renovations.

## Rabuka rises

**Suva (AP)** — Brigadier-General Sitiveni Rabuka, who led two military coups in Fiji last year, has been promoted to major-general as the island nation marks its first anniversary as a republic today.

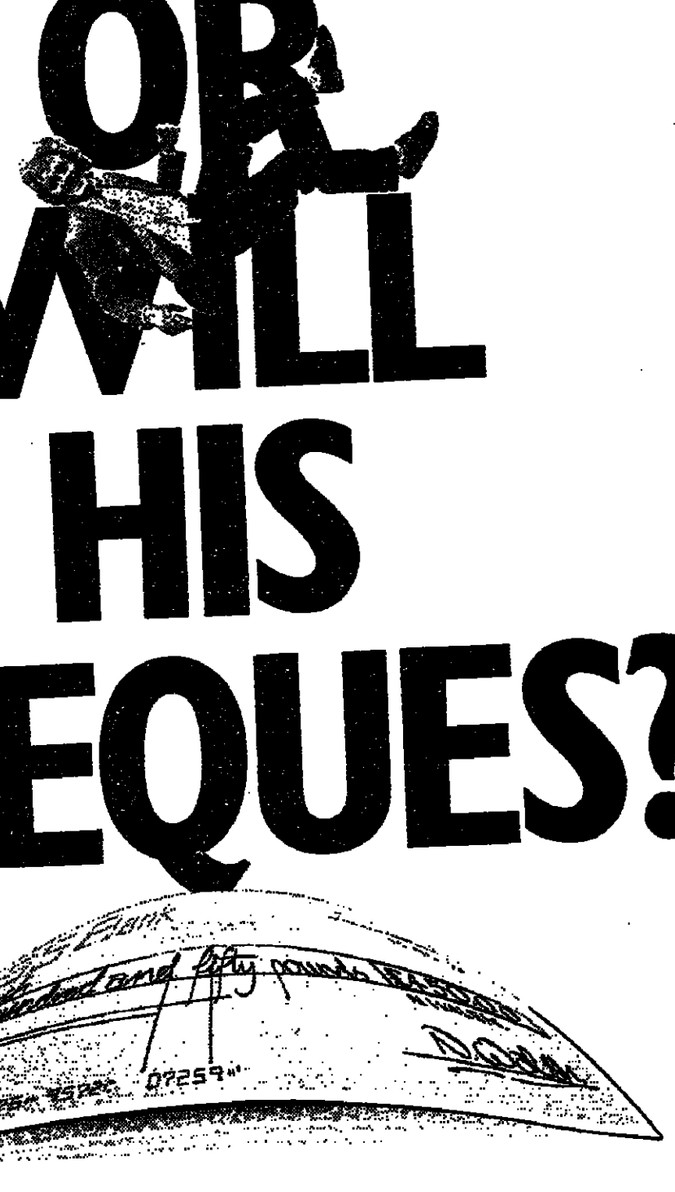
## Rail bombing

**Bolzano, Italy (AP)** — A third bombing in three days in the northern region of Alto Adige, long troubled by tensions between Italian and German speakers, blocked the Brenner Pass railway for four hours.

## US abortions

**New York (AP)** — The abortion rate among Catholic women in the United States is 30 per cent higher than that of Protestant women, and also greater than among Jewish women, researchers said.

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# Strauss's death creates air of uncertainty in Bonn

From Richard Owen, Bonn

The man the popular German newspaper *Bild* called "the King of Bavaria", Herr Franz Josef Strauss, will be carried in state today through the streets of Munich on a gun carriage drawn by six horses to a requiem Mass, after which will be a private family burial.

Bavaria's almost regal farewell to Herr Strauss, who died on Monday, reflects the fact that he was a dominant and colourful figure in regional, national and even world politics for several decades.

But behind the pomp and ceremony, many West Germans are asking what the impact of his death will be on the often fragile centre-right coalition in Bonn.

Some believe Herr Strauss's death will weaken the right, and some argue that in the long run his Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) may not survive as a separate force. Although most Bavarians deny it, the CSU could eventually become submerged in the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The Kohl coalition, in power since 1982, is made up of the CDU, the CSU, and the Free Democrats or Liberals.

Herr Strauss's death will put an end to the battle between the CSU and Herr Kohl. There was bitter hostility between Herr Kohl and Herr Strauss, who deeply resented the fact that in his latter years he was denied national office.

Equally Herr Strauss, always an outspoken man, made no secret of his dislike of the Free Democrat party which he mocked as the zig-zag party over its flexible attitudes on policies ranging from economics to terrorism.

He was forever harassing its leading politicians such as Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, whose job as Foreign Minister he coveted, and Herr Martin Bangemann, the former Economics Minister and party chairman.

Yet, paradoxically, Herr Strauss's death robs the Free Democrats of a right-wing hate figure who helped to provide a focal point for unity among liberals.

The party congress of the Free Democrats opens today in Wiesbaden. The key issue is the election of a new leader, after the departure of Herr Bangemann to become an EEC Commissioner.

The leadership battle is between Count Otto Lamsdorff, aged 61, the former Economics Minister, and Frau Irmgard Adam-Schwaetzer, aged 46, Herr Genscher's deputy and protégé at the Foreign Ministry. Much media attention in Germany has focused on the fact that Count Lamsdorff has had a chequered political career while Frau Adam-Schwaetzer is young, has ministerial experience and would be the first female party leader in West German politics (except for the Greens, whose leadership is collective).

But the real significance of the election is that the Free Democrat party, although small (it got 9.1 per cent of the national vote in the last general election in January 1987) is more than a third force after the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats (SPD).

The liberals are the real kingmakers of West German politics. From 1969 to 1982 they ruled in coalition with the SPD; since 1982 they have supported Herr Kohl.

This is not necessarily a permanent arrangement, however. A new biography of Herr Genscher has drawn attention once again to the 1982 "coup" in which Herr Genscher, the then party leader, abandoned the coalition led by Herr Helmut Schmidt.

The implication is that the Free Democrats could at some point take the reverse course and abandon Herr Kohl for the SPD in the run-up to the next general election in 1991.

Of the two contenders for the party leadership, Count Lamsdorff is the less likely to take such a step. He was instrumental in the 1982 decision, and fully supports Herr Kohl's proposals for tax reform and deregulation. The SPD, moreover, is still searching for the way forward after successive election defeats, and since the SPD party congress in Münster last month the Social Democrats have been turned in on themselves in a Labour Party-style policy review.

On the other hand, the sharp, even abrasive, Count Lamsdorff – if elected – is not likely to prove an easy coalition partner for Herr Kohl, and the coalition could develop new problems.

If Frau Adam-Schwaetzer is the winner, the coalition could start to look even more fragile, since she stands to the left of Count Lamsdorff and has clearly indicated that a Free Democrat-SPD coalition must be considered.

None of this poses an immediate danger to Herr Kohl. But there are cracks in the centre-right alliance, and as the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* pointed out this week, the death of Herr Strauss has removed a hitherto constant element from the German political scene and "brought imponderables into play".

# Life of a boy genius falls apart



Adragon de Mello, then aged 11, at home with his father Augustin, before Santa Cruz authorities put him in protective care.

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

**Adrago de Mello, just turned 12 and America's youngest university graduate, has already gained worldwide attention as "a child genius" who enrolled at college when he was just eight years old. By the time he was 10 he had won top honours at the school.**

**Last June, after condensing two years of classes into one, he left the University of California in Santa Cruz with a graduate degree in mathematics.**

**But outside the classroom the young student's life has been chaos.**

**He lives in a foster home in protective care, while his father, Mr Agustin de Mello, and his mother, Miss Cathy Gunn, remain locked in a fierce custody battle over him. On the boy's birthday, they separately took him on outings with the court's permission.**

**In the next few weeks the future of Adragon – named by his father because he was born in the Chinese year of the dragon – will remain uncertain until the district attorney in the northern California community of Santa Cruz decides whether to prosecute his father on charges of endangering a child.**

**Early on the morning of September 25, police kicked down the door of the home in which Adragon lived with his father, strapped Mr de Mello to a stretcher and took him to the local hospital's psychiatric ward for observation.**

**Twenty-four hours later, Mr de Mello was released after doctors reported that he was "fine". By that time Adragon had been placed in care.**

**Days later the police returned to arrest Mr de Mello on the charges he now faces. Officers also confiscated 10 guns, videotapes and the boy's physics, astronomy and mathematics school projects.**

**The boy's mother claims that her husband was so mentally disturbed that he made a "suicide pact" with the boy. There are allegations that Mr de Mello threatened violence against members of the mathematics department if Adragon was not given his degree.**

**Ever since the boy's story became public, there has been speculation over whether he is really a prodigy, or just an average youngster who is the victim of an obsessed father living out his academic fantasies.**

**In particular, investigators want to know if Mr de Mello did his son's work for the mathematics degree and have also confiscated the boy's university records.**


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Hyderabad massacre

# Pakistanis search for clue to spate of ethnic violence

From Edward Gorman, Hyderabad, Pakistan

Dr Abdul Khaliq shuffled to his chair nervously, exhausted after yet another all-night shift. In front of him on the battered, dark-brown table lay a ledger – the admissions register for Hyderabad Civic Hospital.

Consulting the big book and surveying the endless list of names entered under Friday, September 30, he said: "Most of the injured came here and most had gunshot wounds. We also received most of the dead bodies."

A little bluntly, in limited but competent English, he continued: "In the next room is the mortuary. In this hospital alone we have seen about 60 dead bodies, out of which 50 have already been disposed of. The others have been transferred to cold storage because they are unknown.

"We have treated about 150 serious injured; about 20 have died here over the past three days and yesterday we received the body of a magistrate."

Like many others in this breezy, pleasant city, he is still in shock after the massacre early on Friday evening in which at least 170 people were killed in random shootings by groups of unidentified, and in some cases, masked gunmen.

It is estimated that another 300 people were injured in what is described as the worst violence in the history of Sind province.

In the surgical wards, with their 19th-century grubbiness, row on row of rusty iron beds are filled by the injured and the dying.

Significantly, there are representatives of all the local communities – Pathans from the North West Frontier, Punjabis, native Sindhis and so-called Mohajirs, or refugees – those who migrated to Pakistan from India at partition.

Mr Abdul Raffar Memon is a Sindhi who works in the cotton business in Hyderabad and over whose bed hangs a portrait of Salisbury Cathedral. Aged 26, he is lucky to be alive.

"I was coming from my village on Friday," he said in English, "when two people with their faces covered approached me. They asked me whether I was Sindhi or Mohajir. I told them I was Mohajir – I wanted to save my life – but they didn't believe me and finally they shot me."

He was hit twice; once in the neck by a bullet which skimmed across the back of his head and then in the left elbow. He says the killers left him for a few minutes before coming back to check that he was dead. "I was lucky to survive," he said without a smile.

The circumstances of Mr Raffar's escape would seem to confirm that the Hyderabad massacre was ethnically motivated, but he is convinced it was not. He says he was a victim of Mohajir militants retaliating after the initial killings when the victims were predominantly Mohajirs in an attack deliberately staged to provoke one community against the other.

There is a long history of conflict between them, fuelled by Sindhi nationalists' demands for an independent state and the emergence of militant Mohajir political movements. But Mr Raffar says the massacre had nothing to do with that. "Their only aim is to avoid elections – what else can it be?"

Many in Hyderabad would agree, saying the attack was too well organized for an ethnic clash and that the general elections in November may have been the real target. Some say the Army, wishing to force a return to martial law, was behind it; others blame the Government, while yet more follow their President's lead and accuse India.

In the meantime, the city is struggling to regain its composure. Since Friday there have been outbreaks of violence during morning and evening curfew breaks despite a heavy Army presence on the streets.

On Tuesday, there were several instances of random shootings which left five dead, including the magistrate, and 12 injured.

# China cracks down on Tibetan officials

**Peking (Reuter) – The Chinese authorities have arrested a Lhasa police official as a "counter-revolutionary" in a crackdown on agitation for Tibetan independence, according to reports reaching Peking yesterday.**

**The official is accused of distributing "reactionary" letters and posters while working as a secretary for security organizations in the Tibetan capital.**

**His arrest follows warnings by government leaders in Tibet earlier this year that even some government workers and Communist Party members in Tibet were guilty of "splittism", China's term for agitation for Tibetan independence.**

**The official was seized at a meeting of policemen in Lhasa in late September and accused of spreading the "reactionary" material "while on duty or patrol" in February and March, a Tibet radio report said. But it did not say whether he was a uniformed officer or a higher official.**

**Lhasa security chiefs spoke at the police meeting, urging policemen and cadres to "heighten vigilance, safeguard unity of the motherland ... and stand at the fore of the anti-splittist struggle," the report added.**

**Pro-independence rioting in Lhasa on March 6 this year left several people dead. And last Saturday a large contingent of riot police sealed off the centre of Lhasa on the anniversary of last October's anti-Chinese rioting which left many dead, but the day passed off peacefully.**

**The Tibetan Government leader, Mr Doje Cering, said in July that "unstable factors" were on the rise in Tibet's state firms and government offices, staffed with both ethnic Tibetans and Han Chinese settlers. Han Chinese, the majority race in China, hold most leading posts.**

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# Who dares and cares, wins

JOBS FOR THE 1990s
PART 5

**Alan Franks concludes his series on employment prospects with an examination of the rise of professionalism. The future is bright, he says, for the graduate who has dynamism — and a conscience**

England has seen the last of the amateur. He muddled through quite handsomely from the immediate post-war years to the gloomy 1970s, but lost his way in the cost-effective Thatcher epoch. What once was achieved through a sublime confidence in his own enthusiasm and a float from his rich friends will now probably be done through a degree course and a pump-priming grant fom the relevant government agency.

The employers' fetish for qualifications, and the scramble to attain them, means that the field will soon be all players and no gentlemen. It will be less fun . . . but more efficient.

This should be the best of news for graduates with a higher education that is both specialist and adaptable. As has been demonstrated in this series, more and more professions are closing doors to non-graduates (teaching, law, banking, accounting), while those that were once not considered professions are taking rapid steps to become so (PR, marketing, advertising, leisure).

Despite all this, it would be over-simple to say that the graduate population can expect to see a cloudless vista of plenty and promotion. Nor, for that matter, can the professions expect to be fed endlessly with graduates who are up to the mark. It is already clear that students, companies and society are being let down in the applied sciences perhaps more than Kenneth Baker, the education secretary, cares to admit.

It is too early to be certain about the effects of 1992, but it is obvious that employers are worried that we will lose our brightest graduates to Europe. The professional market could find itself still more altered if, as seems likely, work permit restrictions are relaxed and certain areas of opportunity are flooded with overseas rivals.

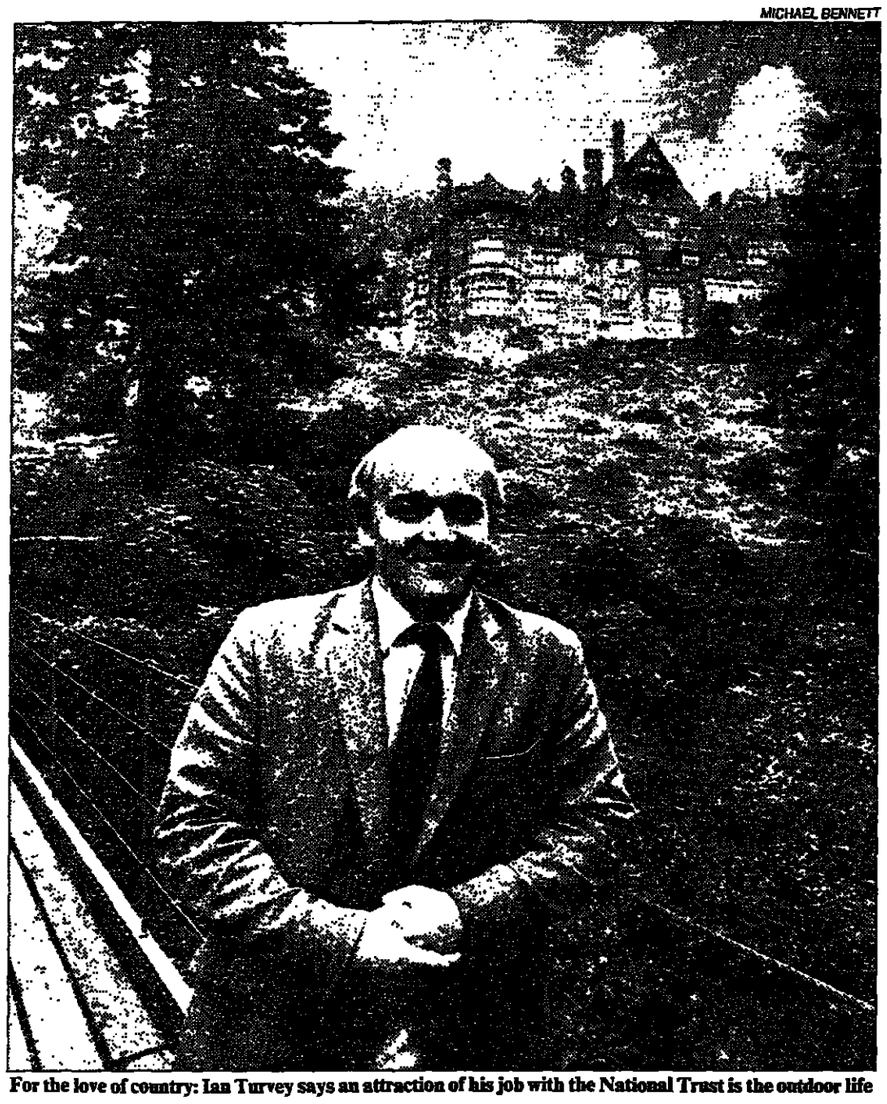
Nevertheless, the British graduate should find himself in a seller's market. Because, traditionally, he tends to come from the top two socio-economic groups, and because these had started to restrict the size of their families by the late 1960s, he is simply more scarce now than he used to be.

According to Brian Steptoe, head of the largest student careers advisory service, at London University, the climate is perfect for the growth of a new sort of entrepreneur. Such an individual is likely to have been degree-educated in a science or technology-based subject, have a few years of experience in a large company, but also have youth's traditional prerogative, the gall to have a go, regardless of the odds.

"There is evidence of this all over the place," Steptoe says. "And it has to be a good thing. Today young, energetic graduates are not expecting handouts from the state but they are expecting opportunities."

Steptoe would not go as far as Neil Kinnock on the subject of the so-called selfish "Me-Now" society. He says: "Cost-effectiveness does not have to cut across the principals of a caring society. It might be important to be a graduate, but I would hate to see the kind of thing that I observed in New York — that is, a society completely and absolutely divided into the haves and the have-nots. There always have been, and there always will be, young men and women who have the will and the ability to go it alone and who are not afraid of failure."

MICHAEL BENNETT



For the love of country: Ian Turvey says an attraction of his job with the National Trust is the outdoor life

## THE MAN WHO TOOK A JOB ON TRUST

**Ian Turvey says that if he had wanted to make a lot of money he would have sold property instead of managing it. As an assistant land agent for the National Trust in Northumberland his "patch" includes farms along Hadrian's Wall, a stretch of coastline, the historic house Cragside and a 900-acre country park.**

**"It is beautiful countryside," he says. "One of the attractions of the job is that I spend half my time in the office and half outside — meeting farmers, wardens, forestry people and the staff at the house. I also meet the public on an informal basis."**

**Turvey, aged 27, spent three years at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester getting a diploma in rural estate management. He followed this with a couple of years in Devon working for the Ministry of Agriculture, combining work with qualifying as a chartered surveyor.**

**He saw the Trust job advertised and joined about a year ago. His salary now is £11,000, plus a Vauxhall Astra car.**

**"If I had stayed with the Civil Service, I would probably have been earning more, but this is a super job and the sort of thing I always wanted to do," he says. "It is so varied and rewarding."**

**Chartered surveyors generally make their big salaries in private practice, but Turvey has no plans to pursue this route. "There are plenty of opportunities within the National Trust and I am gaining valuable experience all the time."**

**His hours are nine to five but he often works at weekends, particularly in the summer, when there are special events. "We had a special Shakespeare performance and then there are open days and guided walks. I suppose these count as work officially, but they are very pleasant social occasions as well."**

## ON A LEISURELY ROAD TO SUCCESS

The leisure industry is not the contradiction in terms which it first appears to be. Far from it. If you are liberal in your calculations, you can demonstrate that it accounts for a turnover of £66 billion, or five times that of the British motor industry.

That is a contentious figure, and is arrived at by including holidays, sports, pubs, theme parks, heritage museums — in fact all the innumerable items on which we are told we are spending our cash in the relentless pursuit of pleasure. The key phrase in the trade today is not disposable, but *discretionary* income.

Given that we are also told we have more collective spare time on our hands than ever before, and given that this is apparently an age of professionalism free of no-go areas, it comes as no surprise to know that leisure is about to go the way of marketing and accountancy before it. In other words, it is the next of the boom occupations to fill itself with graduates, diplomas, highly specialized training courses and all the other trappings of established professional life.

**'The vital thing is customer care and, for those prepared to understand that, opportunities are limitless'**

In so doing, it will need the skilled services of the gamut of new professionals dealt with in this series — not least the marketing man and the accountant. In fact, there is no one it will not need, so widely does it cast its net. It is enough to make one wonder how we managed before leisure appeared.

According to the English Tourist Board, nearly £2,000 million was committed to leisure attractions in the first six months of this year. John East, chief executive of the board, says that not since the early 1970s has there been so much construction work in progress on tourist projects — roller skating parks, leisure pools, "water-themed leisure complexes" at Barnsley and Croydon, a marina, more hotels, a £121 million international convention centre . . . the list appears to be endless.

The largest of them is the £240 million conversion of Battersea Power Station to a massive entertainment place by 1990. It is tempting to see such a development as an apotheosis of the leisure age, and also as an emblem of regeneration from the rubble of conventional industry. But that is fanciful when set beside the clear-eyed professionalism of the Alton Towers group, whose venture it is, and its chief executive, John Broome.

The one quality which Broome stresses over and over again as being central to the leisure business is that of professionalism. "It is precisely because it touches on so many other areas of enterprise, from manufacture, to retailing, to customer management, that it has become highly complex. If you are unable to plan with the utmost precision, you might as well forget it. The vision is fine, as is the energy and the enthusiasm of everyone who works with you, but without planning it is no use."

Just as marketing underwent a crucial shift in its identity when it moved its emphasis from product manufacture to customer satisfaction, so something comparable is taking place in leisure. It is described by one of Britain's few veteran leisure consultants, Michael Ryan, as an increased concentration on "software", by which he means people, rather than merely on "hardware", by which he means buildings. The quality of the service and presentation, he argues, are now considered to be the crucial element of the product — at least as important as the premises.

"There was a time when you could make and sell anything, and the people who made most money were those who were best at controlling the cost. Hence the start of the rise of the accountant. Now the absolutely vital thing is customer care and, for young men and women who are prepared to understand that, the opportunities are limitless."

The universities are beginning to realize that and there are several now offering courses with specific elements of leisure and recreation. There are also graduates in their early twenties who have mapped out the first stages of a whole career in leisure. They might have an MBA (Master of Business Administration) qualification, and some experience with a large overseas organization, such a Disneyland, and are now at the level of junior consultant. The salary may not be spectacular at the moment . . . it is the breadth of the horizon ahead that counts.

● *Additional reporting by Liz Gill.*


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## A QUALITY OF MERCY

The "worthy but dull" image of charity work is old hat these days. Post-Geldof, it is once again chic to care — with the result that the aid agencies are inundated with job applications from high calibre candidates.

David Green, director of personnel at the Save the Children Fund, had 300 people wanting to be overseas director this year. "I don't think that would have happened five years ago. Media coverage of the African famine and the whole Band Aid thing raised consciousness to an unprecedented level." The organization has 200 staff at headquarters, 650 in UK projects and 200 expatriates abroad, plus 2,500 local staff in different countries.

The growing appeal of charity work has made a difference not so much in the area of specific technical skills — there is, after all, only a limited pool of doctors, nurses and engineers — but in the fields of administration and fund-raising.

"We are getting people with degrees in business administration and people who have had huge experience in commerce and industry," Green says. "Also, more companies are seconding people to us. It broadens their horizons and we benefit from their expertise."

No one ever became rich working for a charity. An overseas field director for Save the Children will make around £10,000, plus board and lodging. Oxfam, which employs 1,300 people in 39 countries, estimates that salary grades are 10 to 15 per cent behind market rates.

Shelley Wallace, senior personnel officer, says that the demand for jobs is enormous, giving it the opportunity to be very specific about requirements. Anyone wanting to work abroad, for instance, not only has to have precisely relevant skills but some overseas experience.

"Charities have undergone an image change. It used to be thought of as middle-class white people 'doing good'," she says. "But I think education, television and the newspapers have brought it home, especially to young people, that other people are having a very bad deal indeed."

Many charities are trying to offset the fact that they will never be able to offer huge salaries by introducing a career pattern within the organization. Alternatively, a charity job might be seen as a good career move on the road to something such as the UN, the Foreign Office or the World Bank.

Jean-Margaret Scrimshaw, Christian Aid's personnel officer, says: "The days of the enthusiastic amateur are over. You still need loads of enthusiasm but you also need tremendous expertise and competition for jobs is stiff."

It looks for "an interesting life pattern" in its candidates, as well as good qualifications. So, for instance, they would favour someone with a first class degree with a further qualification in development studies, who had learned a language and worked in Bangladesh.

On the other hand it is often faced with people who are over-qualified. "We say to them: 'Do you really want to be a secretarial assistant here?' But, of course, they do."

## SCIENCE REPORT

# Fishy tale of a marine fossil

**Theories of periodic mass extinctions in which meteorites or other extraterrestrial forces wiped out most of life on Earth every few million years make startling headlines. But British researchers say the data on which the claims are made are flawed, and that what we know about the fossil records of animals is influenced more by the habits of fossil collectors today than by momentous events in the past.**

**Although there is now compelling evidence that a giant meteorite killed off the dinosaurs and many other animals about 65 million years ago, evidence that meteorites caused similar events at other times is less clear. But spurred on by the known dinosaur-meteorite connection, David Raup and Jack Sepkoski of the University of Chicago calculated that mass extinctions happen regularly, every 26 million years or so. And they claim that the meteorite which finished off the dinosaurs was just one of these cataclysms. They based their assertions on a gigantic compendium of fossils, in which Sepkoski recorded what was known about the first and last known occurrences of different species of marine animals in the fossil record.**

**Raup and Sepkoski found that animal species tended to become extinct in clumps of several dozens at a time, rather than at some constant rate through time. And these clumps were spaced at intervals, every 26 million years.**

**The search was on for some extraterrestrial phenomenon that would precipitate a regular and destructive meteor shower. Astronomers searched for a star, a companion to the Sun, that in the course of its revolution would have such an effect. To date, no such star has been found. The reason, says Colin Patterson of the Natural History Museum in London, is that regular mass extinctions are an illusion caused by bad data. Patterson has been examining the "periodic" mass extinction theory for some time, and put forward his latest ideas at an annual meeting of palaeontologists, held in Boulogne last week.**

**Patterson specializes in fossil fish; his colleague Andrew Smith works on echinoderms — a group of marine animals like starfish and sea urchins. Together they carefully went over Sepkoski's compendium and found that many of the fish and echinoderm extinction records were wrong, because the animals themselves had been misclassified by the hundreds of researchers whose reports Sepkoski used to compile his list.**



PAUL BRYANT

**Raup and Sepkoski set to work to refute Patterson and Smith's original criticisms, by refining their catalogue down to the level of the "genus" — a unit more precise than a family, but still containing several species. But Patterson and Smith showed that, if anything, the data became less convincing in support of mass extinctions. This time they went further than merely refuting Raup and Sepkoski's claims. They checked the history of every single fish and echinoderm species in the fossil record. Unlike families and genera, species are real things, not convenient pigeonholes. Surely, they reasoned, species could not be prone to the same vagaries as families and genera?**

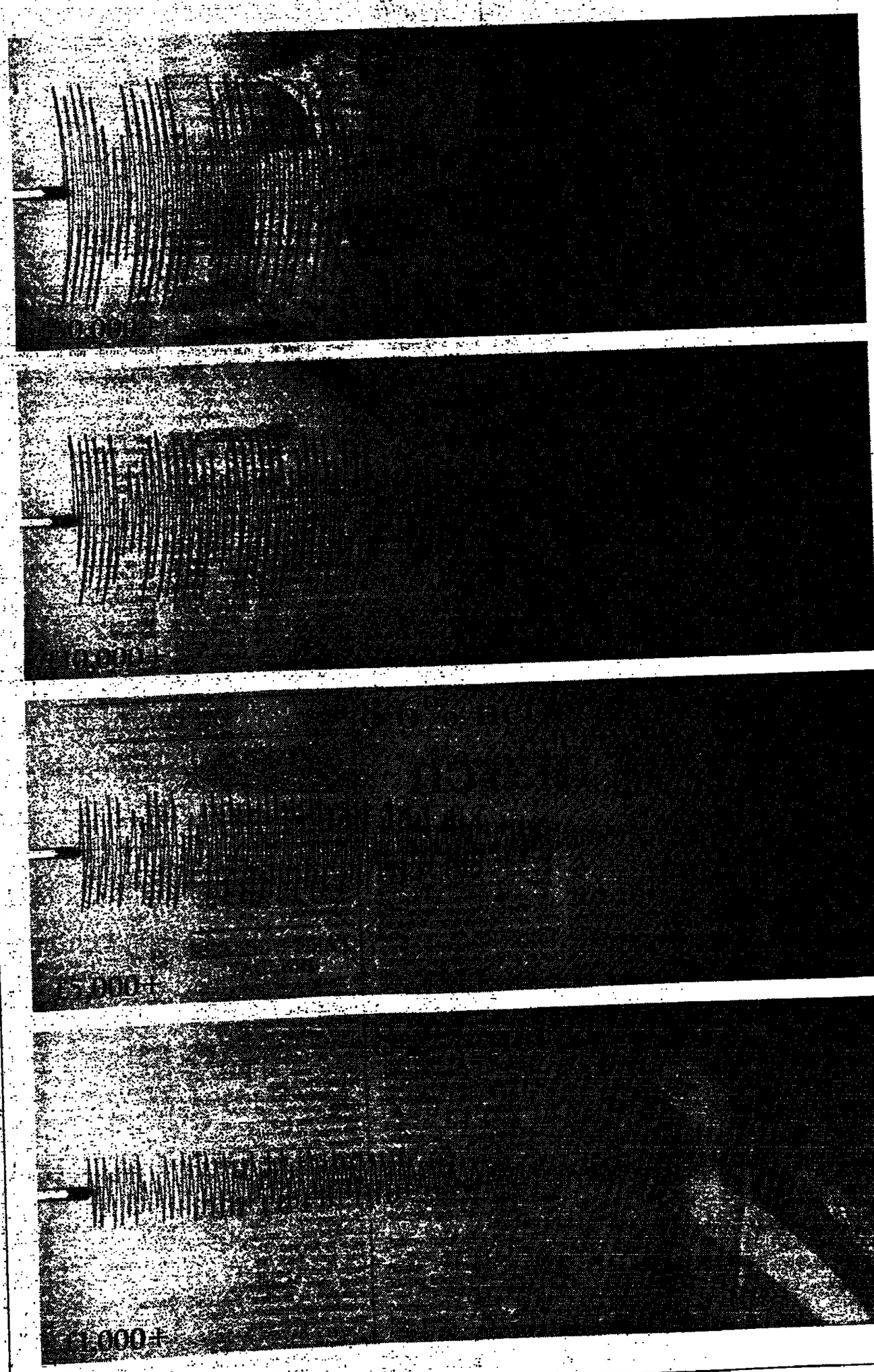
**But when Patterson and Smith analysed fish and echinoderm history, each independently of the other, they found that the records of both were more influenced by the habits of recent fossil collectors than by geological cataclysms. Although fish and echinoderms are very different animals, the way in which they are preserved as fossils and subsequently found by people, millions of years later, is much the same. For example, all the specimens of 68.8 per cent of all known fossil fish species have been collected from single fossil collection sites; for echinoderms, the figure is 69.1 per cent. The numbers are too similar to be a coincidence and indicate that the habits of collectors of echinoderm and fossil fish species determine how the animals are classified.**

**Ironically, Patterson said that before he and Smith carried out their study, he thought that the record of fossil fish was poor; Smith, on the other hand, thought that echinoderms were well represented. The fact that the record for both groups is the same shows how the way palaeontologists classify the animals they describe is based on geological circumstances rather than biological reality.**

**Henry Gee**

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# TIMES DIARY

## DAVID TYTLER

**Novosibirsk, Siberia**

Here in the Soviet Union it is as if Raisa Gorbachov does not exist. She is rarely seen, and any mention of her tends to be critical. Even Gorbachov's friends are concerned that too much attention to her could damage him at a critical time in his reforms, dressed as she habitually is in a way even the most successful Soviet women can hardly aspire to. As a result Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, has found it impossible to meet her while on his seven-day tour of the Soviet Union – even though she made the original invitation, on the Gorbachovs' stop-over in Britain while returning from Washington.

When Baker lectured the students at Moscow State University he said that the visit began with Mikhail Gorbachov's stop-over. During questions Baker mentioned Raisa once, inadvertently, and was greeted with silence in an otherwise warm reception. Baker's officials are saying that he has not asked to meet her, but it is known he would like to have done, and soundings were taken, but last week's Kremlin reshuffle finally ruled it out.

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While he has been striding across Siberia, Baker's wife Mary has been in the warmer climes of Vladimir, visiting a school specializing in English which earlier this year visited Britain. Apart from official dinners and receptions Mrs Baker, a businesswoman, has been seen with her husband on only two official engagements: at the Bolshoi Ballet and at Moscow State University. Her own tour has included a meeting with the Committee for Soviet Women where, she said, there was "an understanding among the international sisterhood".

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The reality of privilege in the Soviet Union is seen at its clearest in the domestic airports. While official parties are escorted to the head of the queue for departure and are moved into VIP arrival lounges on landing, the public reception areas look more like London Underground during the Blitz. The good news is that the hour-long flight from Moscow to Leningrad costs about £15.

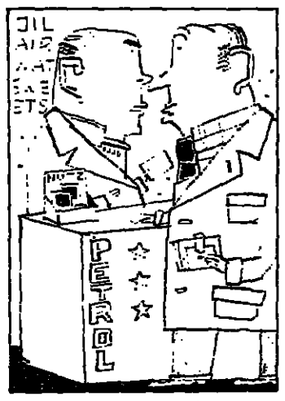
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There have been some shortcomings in organization during the visit. After Baker's arrival in Siberia at 3.15am the driver taking him to the Soviet government guest house lost his way. As one of Baker's officials put it: "The Secretary of State was meandering around Siberia rather longer than he should have been." But the difficulties have been impossible to predict. The British Embassy warned it would be almost impossible to telephone London from Novosibirsk, where the delegation is staying in Siberia. The telephones worked first time.

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The surprising member of Baker's party is Cyril Taylor, the chairman of the City Technology College Trust. He loses no opportunity to ensure that everybody knows he is paying his own way, at a cost of about £1,750, but he is being afforded all the trappings of a delegate. While in Moscow he stepped in unasked as chairman of a press conference given by Soviet ministers when Baker was called to another meeting. On another occasion a rather resigned Baker introduced him to a group of schoolchildren as "our friend the capitalist".

BARRY FANTONI




'Save enough tokens and we'll give you a copy of the report on price fixing'

Sir Rodric Braithwaite has been British Ambassador to the USSR for just two weeks. An urbane man, he is relaxed about the bureaucratic delays, saying: "Accept the programme they give you and then negotiate, but negotiate successfully." His last dealings with a British minister who visited Siberia was in the 1960s when, as a junior embassy official, he smoothed the path of Harold Wilson's Minister of Technology. The minister is better known as Frank Cousins, the union leader. Reflecting on the changes since he was last in the Soviet Union, Sir Rodric said: "I was here when Harold Wilson was elected and Khrushchev was removed. We only knew about either of them from the foreign press. Now things are debated openly here."

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For the ordinary Russian the biggest problem is finding somewhere to live. In Moscow, the state's solution is to build countless concrete tower blocks, which line the outer roads. The solution in Siberia is for young skilled workers – carpenters, plumbers and construction workers – to form co-operatives, lease land from the government and build their own apartment blocks. The apartments cost about £15,000 each and provide the best-appointed homes in Siberia, the newest one in Novosibirsk having its own cable television service.

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The first-time visitor to the Soviet Union is impressed by the lack of advertising billboards and graffiti and the cleanliness of the streets – achieved in Novosibirsk by men using brooms made of twigs. But children are the same the world over. Generations of pupils at the élite mathematics and science boarding schools at Akademgorodok, just outside Novosibirsk, have left their names in the wooden desk tops.

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Some Conservative politicians (Heseltine, Pym, Walker) publish memoirs to promote their philosophies; some (Hurd, St John-Stevas) to entertain themselves and their friends; some (Maudling, Carrington) to deliver a defence of their behaviour. Few make money.

Successful politicians are rarely natural writers. Even if they ever possessed the instinct for honesty from which good books must come, they lose it before they have anything interesting to write.

Norman Tebbit is not a natural writer either. But by political standards he is a mostly honest storyteller – which means that his autobiography, *Upwardly Mobile*, will be worth shelfspace when the *Ascents of Britain*, *Politics of Consent*, and *Ends to Promises* have been pulped into footnotes. It may even be a bestseller.

The tone, like the man, is distinctive. As a politician Tebbit has long combined crude rhetorical gags with a careful sense of time and place. His book shows the same skills. It reads like the briefing given by a strong-minded businessman to a documentary film researcher – vivid, and not yet contrived by art.

There are memorable scenes

Peter Stothard on Norman Tebbit's forthright autobiography

# Authentic Thatcher man

of the poor North London child bravely waving a few sparklers while the rest of the street had fireworks; the trips around the Hertfordshire gravel pits with his lorry-driving Uncle Arthur; the voice fading with shyness even approaching a sweetshop.

Then come the first upward moves – into the RAF, the leather chairs of the mess, the comradely japes, even the "eyeballs bouncing in his head" as he ploughs a plane into a fence. There is much horizontal mobility too, in a seemingly non-stop changing of second-hand cars, all neatly priced.

Throughout it all the prose is peppered with unnecessary exclamation marks ("The party members were thin on the ground and mostly thin on top too!"). There are continual asides of hammed dramatic irony, mostly of the model, "little did I think as I did X that I would be discussing X around the Cabinet table 30 years later".

But, by way of compensation, when one reads this book it is exactly as though one were sitting beside Tebbit on a bar stool. Early reports have criticized it for being too cagey with the author's true feelings. That is uncharitable. There is a terrible dry candour in the way he describes his wife's post-natal depressions, pre-electoral depressions and the paralysis of her life after the Brighton bomb.

There is no benefit in encouraging politicians to introspection. It is an open invitation to self-deception or worse. Whether irritating or inspiring (and it is both by turns), this is the authentic voice of Thatcher-man.

*Upwardly Mobile* has, however, been awaited by Conservatives with high interest – and that is not because of its portraits of working-class Toryism in post-war Epping and North Weald. The political professionals are interested in the here and now – or to be more precise the now and soon. Is this, or is it not, they ask, the book of a man who has given up ambition to be Prime Minister? The best answer is that Mr Norman Beresford Tebbit has given up nothing.

The case for a Tebbit succession is clear enough. He is the best fighter against the Labour Party that the Conservatives have got. He is the architect of the pivotal 1982 Employment Act which he rightly describes as one of the principal pillars on which the Thatcher economic reforms have been built. He has long been more concerned than his colleagues with fundamental social reforms.

The case against is primarily one of judgement, personnel dealings and management power. It rests on a patchy record at the Department of Trade and Industry and the controversial tenure at Conservative Central Office, which culminated in the chaos during the 1987 election campaign.

Both lines of attack, he claims in the book, are falsely based on malicious leaking by opponents. But neither is effectively countered. The style of this section of *Upwardly Mobile* is noticeably less carefree. He is no longer dictating to his film researcher but to his lawyer.

To examine just the events of the "Wobbly Thursday" before the election is to expose the problem. He describes it as an unnecessary panic, created by the failure of Lord Young to obey instructions and the commercial ambitions of advertising agencies which he refuses even to name. He blames the Prime Minister for overworking him by her failure to appoint a party managing director or a head of communication, thereby forcing him to do the work of three Labour opponents as well as his Cabinet duties.

That will not satisfy the historians – and, indeed, has already failed to satisfy them. The tension with Lord Young (who the balance of opinion strongly suggests was imposed upon Tebbit rather than invited by him, as stated in the book) was just one of many lines of tension which strained the Cabinet in 1986 and 1987.

Between the Westland affair and the election victory came much unsavoury pecking (all now strongly disavowed) around the battered political body of the Prime Minister. It was a difficult time to be senior minister and potential successor. It is not a dung-heap that it is wise to stir up against the reputation and interests of John Wakeham, Lord Whitelaw, Sir Geoffrey Howe and other men of influence who are treated so gently in this book.

Lord Young is not a Tory power broker in that way. Far better, then, to concentrate the bullets where they are the least likely to fly back in one's face.

Those who buy Mr Tebbit's book for a Crossman-like view inside Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet will be disappointed. Those who want to understand better the man whose mobility may still be upward will not.

*Upwardly Mobile*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson (£14.95).

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Conor Cruise O'Brien

# Groomed out of existence

**Philadelphia**

Blessed are they from whom little is expected, for the expectations shall not be disappointed. That's pretty much how it was with Danny Quayle, in the debate with his opposite number, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Lloyd Bentsen.

Republicans had feared, Democrats hoped, that Quayle might drop another of his famous clangers. As when, during the campaign, Quayle had said that the Holocaust had been the worst thing that had happened "in our country". And then added, by way of explanation, that he personally did not live "in this century".

Nothing like that happened on Wednesday night. Quayle said nothing weird. The vice-presidential candidate demonstrated that he could "walk and chew gum at the same time", to use the current, bowdlerized, version of Lyndon Baines Johnson's famous phrase.

To that extent, Republicans were relieved, Democrats disappointed. Yet I suspect that it might have been better, from a Republican point of view, if Quayle had been himself, even at the cost of dropping a clanger or two. Left to himself, as seen during this campaign, Quayle has the kind of vibrant, arrogant charm, a youthful brashness, which could have shown to advantage against his elderly opponent. But as it was, Quayle had clearly been coached to cut the brashness out. And when the brashness is cut out there isn't much left of Danny Quayle.

Throughout the debate, Lloyd Bentsen seemed effortlessly in charge. Quayle, by comparison, seemed apprehensive, like an examinee confronted for the first time with an examiner who was not from Indiana, and owed nothing to the Quayle family. And Bentsen's "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy" seemed the definitive assignment of a grade.

The debate was a plus for the Democratic campaign, though not so much a plus as some Democrats had hoped for. But do debates matter? Not at all, according to the conventional wisdom in the immediate aftermath of the first Bush-Dukakis debate. A poll taken just after that showed the relative standing of the candidates to be exactly the same as in a poll taken just before the debate: Bush 50 per cent, Dukakis 46 per cent. Commenting on this, Jeff Alderman, director of polling for ABC News, said: "I think we can reach the conclusion that the debate was a big wash-out in terms of shaping voter opinions."

Yet it now seems that that conclusion might have been premature. A *New York Times*-CBS poll, published on Wednesday morning, found that Bush's lead over Dukakis was narrowing, also that a clear majority of respondents recalled Dukakis as the winner of the debate.

When a race is as close as this one, polls are an uncertain guide, though nothing better is available. Also, there seems to be a curious cross-fertilization, or cross-contamination, between polling and media comment. An ABC poll immediately after the Bush-Dukakis debate gave Dukakis as the winner: 44 per cent to 36 per cent. But the Press the following morning gave the race as "too close to call".




The commentators, at the time of going to press, did not know the results of that poll, and may well have been reluctant to stick their necks out, for fear of being shown up by polls to come. The immediately subsequent polls, possibly influenced by the media comment, also suggested the race was too close to call. And by the time the Press got round to publishing that ABC poll their comment on it appeared to be influenced by their own "too close to call" prepoll verdict. One commentator said the ABC poll showed Dukakis winning "by a whisker". But 8 per cent is not a whisker. And the most recent *New York Times*-CBS poll tends to corroborate the original ABC poll.

As far as debating is concerned, I think the Democrats are winning, and that should help them significantly in the campaign. The odds still appear against them, when you consider what they have to recover from: the landslide defeat of the Mondale-Ferraro ticket in 1984, in which the Democrats carried only one state, Mondale's own.

This time round the Republicans have large, in-built advantages: Reagan's backing, Reagan prosperity, the incumbency. (The incumbency factor showed up this week when Vice-President Bush was on hand to greet the triumphantly returning astronauts of the Discovery.)

Overall, the Democrats need to improve on their 1984 performance by around 9 per cent if they are to win. But on the terms that count – votes in the electoral college state by state – the task for the Democrats is even more difficult. The Republicans appear to have the South and the inland West sewn up. This means that the Democrats must carry all the major states currently rated as marginal – California, Texas, Illinois and Michigan – as well as all the states placed by commentators in their column. And some of those last are in fact quite doubtful. Pennsylvania, where I am now living, has usually been placed in the Democratic column, but in fact the two tickets are neck and neck in this state right now, according to the polls.

All in all, it is remarkable that the Democrats are giving the Republicans as close a race as the polls at present suggest. And it may be that the Democrats have a bit more going for them, in the big cities at least, than the polls suggest. I suspect there are a number of "Reagan Democrats" who gag at the Bush-Quayle ticket, but are saying "undecided" to the pollsters. The Bush-Quayle campaign seeks to make a vote for Dukakis sound un-American, and there may be some who prefer to sound undecided than un-American, when talking to pollsters. It may be different "in the privacy of the voting booth", as Dukakis has himself suggested.

Also, there are probably a number of women who are not confiding in pollsters but who are put off by the enthusiasm of the anti-abortion lobby for George Bush. Bush's hesitation, in the televised debate, as to whether criminal charges should be brought against women for abortion, and his later "clarification" that it is the doctor, not the woman, who should be prosecuted, have probably both cost him votes. "Back to the backstreet abortionist" is not an inviting signal.

On the other hand, there is another factor, not often referred to in published reports of the company that is working for the Bush-Quayle ticket. That factor is racism. Bush-Quayle is currently running ahead of Dukakis-Bentsen, not only throughout the South-east – the old Confederacy – but also in Texas, by around 10 per cent. Not all Bush-Quayle supporters are white racists, but all white racists are Bush-Quayle supporters.

Mostly, this does not show publicly, but sometimes it does. In east Texas – heavily white racist territory – a local Bush-Quayle organizer was heard to say that he couldn't wait for Jesse Jackson to show up in Texas, "along with his soul-brother", Michael Dukakis.

I fear that the "soul-brother" factor may cost Dukakis Texas, and with it the election. There are fewer racists around than there used to be, but there are probably still enough of them to swing a close election. If Dukakis is to compensate for that factor, costing him the South, and probably the South-west, he will have to do better in the North, Midwest and coastal West, than the polls at present suggest.

It is just possible that he will bring that off. And the Quayle factor is bringing him some much-needed help.

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Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

# Hattersley's long march

The campaign for the election of the leader of the Labour Party did not end last Sunday evening in Blackpool. It has only just begun. Or rather the real battle – as opposed to the left-wing sideshows – has been going on for some time now. It has been covertly waged by Roy Hattersley. He has been carefully positioning himself for the next general election defeat and the inevitable post-Kinnock leadership contest. He reckons that he will then stand a good chance of winning.

How else can we explain the way he has stuck for so long to his unrewarding and frequently humiliating task? He must have better things to do than play second fiddle to Neil all the time and be set up to be challenged and derided by the Meachers and the Prescotts of this world? He is a party man, all right, but he is not known for having a 24-hour living, eating and sleeping dedication to the party. He is not famous for having a great spirit of self-sacrifice.

The man who dumped Tony Crosland and then Roy Jenkins for Jim Callaghan, and got himself called "Rattersley" for nothing more heinous than a dedication to his own ambitions, has not changed. He is still clinging to the greasy pole. And why shouldn't he be: everyone else is. All that has altered is his ability to take a somewhat longer view of his prospects.

He thinks they are good. There is at least an even chance of his leading the Labour Party in the near future. Well, that is what he consoles himself with. While friends and foes have written off his leadership chances, even begun to discount him as a serious politician, Hattersley reminds himself before he says his prayers each night of the manner in which Denis Healey and Michael Foot in their later years suddenly became popular and respectable in the party. Above all, he takes comfort from the way in which everything just fell into Jim Callaghan's lap because he happened to be around.

Roy Hattersley intends to be around when the sky falls in on poor Neil. He hopes that by that time he will have a different image from the unflattering one that has dogged him for over a decade. He will, he tells himself, have served his penance as the loyal, tight-lipped, time-serving deputy, as Foot was to Callaghan. He will also be perceived, he thinks, as the one, credible, Labour politician to have kept the socialist flame alight.

He has been working hard at this. Socialism, the word, is forever on his lips. He hardly writes or speaks these days about anything other than the theory of socialism, his socialist principles and the need to defend socialist values, almost as if he is competing with Tony Benn for the idolatry of the zealots.

He is not, of course. It is not Benn that worries him. Hattersley's ambition and his secret fear are encapsulated in one sentence in a newspaper interview he gave last week. Once again, Hattersley, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, was asserting his unremitting devotion to socialism. Thatcherism, he insisted, had to be challenged. "If others try to compromise with it and say, 'we can offer you a higher level of self-interest, a more sophisticated selfishness, a more enlightened concern for your own welfare', then Mrs Thatcher will prosper."

Who, we need to know, are these "others"? Who are the compromisers, the collaborators? Well, certainly not the Democrats. They would never be so sensible. And he cannot be referring to David Owen. Had it been Owen, Hattersley would have said so. He would have laid into the SDP leader with gusto and relish. There would have been no need to mince words.

The fact that he did not name names means that the "others", those willing to compromise with Thatcherism, those offering a more sophisticated selfishness, are in his own party. The question is: who are they? Well, it is not Benn, or Heffer or Scargill or any others of their ilk. Like today's Hattersley, they claim to want to preserve socialism, not manage capitalism better than the capitalists.

The obvious candidate is Neil himself. He is the one who spawned the policy review, who lectures the party about the "new realism", and who insists that tomorrow's people deserve better than yesterday's socialism. It is the leader himself who commissioned and endorsed the NEC document, *Democratic Socialist Aims and Values*, with its ringing anti-socialist declaration for most things: "The operation of the market, properly regulated, is a generally satisfactory means of determining production and consumption", and which, ironically, Hattersley was compelled to defend.

But Hattersley is not getting at Neil. He is neither brave enough nor daft enough. He does not need to. He reckons that Neil's days are numbered and his own will come. He merely has to bide his time. That is, unless someone else gets in the way. And someone else has been doing a lot of getting in the way of late.

Young Master Gould, the media smoothie and star of the general election campaign, is Hattersley's target. He is the real enemy. Bryan has caused the enunciation of that denunciatory sentence. It is the shadow secretary of state for trade and industry who has been the most assiduous and outspoken champion of the view that the relics of socialism have now to be decently buried, and who has pressed the case for the faithful to address new realities. He has seen the need for a "higher level of self-interest" for council house owners, and argued for a "more enlightened concern" for the welfare of employee-shareholders.

Apart from John Smith – who is playing a different game – Gould is Hattersley's major opponent. It is no doubt galling for a former minister who survived the Winter of Discontent to see a rival so young and inexperienced and ideologically rootless count for so much in the esteem of the rest of the party. But it demonstrates the poverty of his ideas and the sterility of the Labour Party that he can only attack him, covertly, with the rituals and clichés of an outdated dogma.

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*Though some important businesses, like Robinsons, the Bristol paper manufacturers, had been giving holidays with pay since before the turn of the century, only 50 years ago several employers' organizations were distinctly cool about the idea of making paid holidays legally enforceable.*

## FARM WORKERS' HOLIDAY

The National Farmers Unions of England and Scotland offered objections to any legislation to secure paid holidays for workers when evidence on their behalf was given yesterday at the Ministry of Labour Committee of Inquiry into the question of holidays with pay.

Representatives of the English union pointed out that the question was largely governed by the orders under the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, under which wages committees had power to secure so far as was reasonably practicable a weekly half-holiday for workers. These powers had been used not only for that purpose but also to secure holidays on a number of other days in the year. No deduction was made from the minimum wage, and it was claimed that these were therefore holidays with pay. In Scotland holidays were arranged mutually and there was no deduction of pay.

Mr M.T. DAVIES, of the English union, told Lord Amulree, chairman of the committee, that farm workers preferred a day off now and again.

Mr H.H. ELVIN (a member of the committee) pointed out that certain cooperative organizations gave their farm workers a week's consecutive holiday, and he asked why other farmers could not do the same.

Mr G. GILBARD, vice-chairman of the English union, said that they were giving evidence on behalf of farmers as such. Their members were not able to run demonstration farms.

Mr ELVIN: – Is it fair to describe cooperative farms as side shows? – I regard these farms as in the same category as another trouble we have been up against – the gentleman farmer.

Mr H.F. BRAND, president of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, said that the federation was strongly opposed to legislation on the question of holidays with pay. If holidays were given in the summer, it would mean losing the best period for working.

SIR JONAH WALKER-SMITH, M.P., representing the National Federation of Building Trade Employers, referred to the successful negotiating machinery in the industry, and said they felt that the intervention of a third party would take away the sense of responsibility which both employers and operatives felt.

The British Paper Box Manufacturers' Federation and the British Paper Bag Federation both supported the principle, considering that there should be a week's consecutive holiday as well as Bank Holidays. The adoption of this principle would not in any way adversely affect industry.

Mr FOSTER ROBINSON, chairman of the Paper Bag Federation, and managing director of R.S.A. Robinson, Limited, Bristol, said his firm had granted holidays with pay since 1889, and they gave men in the Territorial Army a week's extra pay.

SIR FREDERICK RICHMOND (a member of the Committee): – I am glad to hear it.

The Committee adjourned until October 19.

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# DEFENCE COMMITMENTS

With careful political calculation, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, timed the publication of a pamphlet entitled *The Conservative Revival of Britain* to coincide with yesterday's Labour Conference debate on defence and foreign policy. Thanks to the block vote of Mr Ron Todd, which secured the passage of a hardline unilateralist resolution, Sir Geoffrey's timing turned out to be even more appropriate than he may have guessed.

The pamphlet is a reminder of the politics of realism, both domestic and foreign, which have been in operation since the trough of 1979 when the then British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Nicholas Henderson, reported in a leaked dispatch to the then Labour Foreign Secretary, Dr Owen, that Britain had come to be regarded as "poor and unproud" and as a model "not to follow".

Starting from that base (in both senses), Sir Geoffrey rehearses the too easily forgotten story of Britain's economic revival, its example to the world that markets really work, its growing influence internationally and its constructive attitude towards an even closer European community. In this last context, it is significant that he is prepared to adopt De Gaulle's words in declaring that "it is inevitable that Europe will remain to a large degree a *Europe des patries*". At a time when the Labour Party has veered towards a policy of submission to Brussels in the belief that this will promote a socialist Europe, it is not hard to guess which approach is likely to command more public support.

It is, however, in the stark contrast between Government and Opposition policies on defence and the East-West relationship that the pamphlet is most relevant. Sir Geoffrey points to the difference between the Government's realism on defence and disarmament and the "something-for-nothing" policies which are Labour's approach and which were again endorsed yesterday against a resolution intended to embrace Mr Kinnock's vague concept of "something-for-something".

In European defence the nuclear element, which includes Britain, is an essential component and could become more so if American policy were modified. Labour wishes to be rid of all nuclear defence but the party leaders know that this is not acceptable to the majority of the British people, including Labour supporters, who sleep the more soundly in their confidence that nuclear deterrence ensures the prevention of war.

As a compromise, therefore, between his party's demands and the public's wishes and interest, Mr Kinnock is trying to bring his party to accept a policy for the abolition of Trident and for attempting to trade away existing nuclear weapons for cuts in the Russian armoury. If obtainable, however, these would still leave the USSR with a massive nuclear armoury and Britain denuded of any nuclear deterrent. The fudging resolution, which would have allowed for some trading, was designed purely to assist the process of winning votes by putting off but not necessarily abandoning Britain's unilateral renunciation.

In fact, Mr Kinnock's narrow defeat may not wreck his chances of getting a policy paper along these lines through next year's conference. But it is well to be clear on one thing. If realism in defence is the criterion, the resolution that was defeated yesterday and the hedging policy behind it is not a great loss. Its purpose is not the safety of the realm but buying votes.

It is a political expedient designed to bring to power a Labour government with a policy of dangerous ambiguity. Irresponsible though yesterday's vote was, it may be healthier for the British public to be presented with a clear policy they can reject than with one attempting to pull the wool over their eyes.

# NO TO THE GENERAL

General Augusto Pinochet, vanquished in this week's plebiscite in Chile, should now show magnanimity in defeat. His country has taken a giant stride forward towards democracy, from which it will not willingly return. He should now step aside and help it on its way.

The number of free democracies in Latin America has grown from three to 13 in a decade. That Chile now seems likely to step into line with Brazil and Argentina, is a development of great significance for its neighbours. The image of the whole subcontinent stands to benefit.

The progress made so far by Chile has been encouraging. Accusations of intimidation by General Pinochet's men both preceded and surrounded the referendum — and no doubt were well-founded in some cases. But the consensus among foreign observers is that polling, by and large, was free and fair. For a country which has been governed by a military dictatorship for 15 years, it was a reassuring test of political responsibility.

So far so good. The question which now must be answered is what happens next. Under the Constitution (which he drew up himself eight years ago) General Pinochet must call presidential and congressional elections by December next year — then step down as head of state three months later. In theory this means that little will change for 18 months.

Things might not alter all that much even then. For one thing, he has retained the right to remain as Army chief for four more years — and the Army will still exert an influence through the National Security Council, which can query all Government decisions which it holds to be contrary to the national interest.

Given that he and other senior members of the military will also have seats for life on the country's Senate (one in three of whose members will always be appointed) it is clear that Chile has not seen the last of General Pinochet. Indeed it appears that he can even stand for President, when the elections are held some time towards the end of next year.

It seems clear that a period of transition will now be necessary. There is a need to reconstruct the machinery of democracy — including the development of the political parties themselves. To expect General Pinochet to hand over power immediately would be unrealistic. The country would not be ready to accept.

But how long this period should be is more debatable. The electorate has made clear that it wants him to go and for him to remain in power for 18 months would seem excessive. The opposition is already calling for him to step down more quickly than is laid out in the Constitution, and one must endorse that view. He would also be well advised to step down from all positions of political power — and indeed there are those in the Army who have advised him to do so.

Chile is entering a period of great political uncertainty. General Pinochet has been defeated in the plebiscite by a 16-party alliance called "Command for the No". But this was very much a marriage of convenience — between politicians who had little in common beside their detestation of the old dictator. In casting their vote for the "No" the 7.4 million strong electorate has voted for change. But the alternatives before them remain hazy.

The violent coup which brought General Pinochet to power in 1973 ended three years of economic chaos under the elected Communist Government of President Allende. While they want an end to the violence, the repressive policies and political isolation of the Pinochet years, they hardly want to a return to what preceded him. The monetary policies of the Pinochet Government, aided by 15 years of political continuity have helped Chile towards an economic prosperity which is the envy of its neighbours.

The moderate opposition led by the Christian Democrats, is already said to be seeking amendments to the Constitution which would make it more democratic. Whether the Army will respond to this positively is one of the questions which remain to be answered.

Much of the responsibility for ensuring a smooth transition rests with this moderate opposition, who must arrange their priorities in the national interest. But much also remains with General Pinochet. He has proved his ability to hold on to power for 15 years. He must now learn how to dispose of that power with equal skill.

# STEEL FOR SALE

The sale of British Steel which has been set for the end of November is admirably designed to get the Government's privatization programme on the road again. After the painful experience of the BP issue a year ago, when the stock market crash suddenly undermined the operation in mid-flotation, some good plain fare was required offering the investor unequivocal value. Sensibly priced, British Steel can provide that.

Steel, admittedly, is not an exciting new industry. For much of the 1970s and early 1980s it seemed to epitomize an industry in decline. But over the past few years British Steel has undergone a revolution which has left it one of the most profitable steel companies in the world.

The revolution has been worked through a combination of heavy closures of older plant and a strong move into higher value added products. By shedding a large part of its workforce the company has managed to improve productivity from 14.5 man hours per tonne of liquid steel at the beginning of the decade to only five man hours.

This rejuvenation should be enough to find takers for the shares even in today's uncertain markets. The issue is a big one — the largest ever of a British manufacturing company — but at around £2.5 billion it is well below the size of British Telecom and British Gas. So long as the Government is not too ambitious in its pricing, the shares should appeal to investors.

It will be as well for the Government to get another satisfactory flotation away before the much more difficult challenges of privatizing the water and electricity industries are faced. Governments around the world which have undertaken a programme of state sales divide sharply between those who have simply taken the opportunity to return manufacturing or trading companies to the private sector where they always rightly belonged and those who have tackled the much more difficult issues involved in privatizing utilities which contain an element of natural monopoly.

The sale of Jaguar, Rolls-Royce or British Steel presents no conceptual problems. They already operate in highly competitive markets and require no special regulation. Although they are not without a few political sensitivities — *vide* the future of the Ravenscraig steel plant in Scotland — they are not major populist issues.

Privatization of water is different. Because it cannot make sense to have competing pipeline systems delivering water or taking away waste water the distribution system must be a natural monopoly. There are political issues as well as economic ones.

Mrs Thatcher correctly divines that the average voter will need some pursuading that the Royal Mail should not necessarily remain "Royal". There is equally a body of support for keeping water in the public sector.

No such affection extends to the electricity industry. But the problems of privatizing such a huge business are formidable. Nuclear power presents an additional problem which alarms both the safety-conscious citizen and the profit-conscious investor.

The Government is still working feverishly on how best to resolve these issues within the timetable it has set itself. In both cases privatization is right in concept. But when the details have been worked out ministers will need to sell their ideas just as vigorously to the public as to investors.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Balance of views in broadcasting

*From the Chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority*

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt (Commentary, October 4) is quite wrong to state that concern for impartiality has almost disappeared from broadcasting. Personally, I regard the pursuit of "due impartiality" of the Broadcasting Act as being professionally a more demanding challenge for broadcasting journalists than simple crusading, and never tire of reminding broadcasters that this is so.

It is, therefore, a little hard to have to listen to lectures on impartiality from my old friend Woodrow Wyatt, who is himself such a pungent and opinionated columnist for such a highly partial newspaper as the *News of the World*. The truth is that broadcasting standards of fairness, balance, and impartiality have to be — and are — much higher than those of most of Fleet Street.

We do not accept Lord Wyatt's argument that impartiality can only be maintained by striking a balance of opposing views in each and every programme. If the new Broadcasting Bill were to lay down that in matters of impartiality a series of programmes may no longer be considered as a whole, as Lord Wyatt advocates, out would have to go all programmes in which only one politician appeared, such as Brian Walden's forthcoming series of interviews.

Coverage of individual party conferences, party political broadcasts, and any programme which did not maintain an arithmetic balance of opposing views would also be jeopardised. There is no evidence that this is what the public wants.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE THOMSON,
Chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority,
70 Brompton Road, SW3.
October 6.

## Law without lawyers

*From Mr J. B. Hodge*

Sir, If people wish to conduct their own litigation in the county court then I have no objection, but please do not let us mislead them into thinking that such a practice would be for their benefit.

It is a pity that, before giving his support to lawyer-free litigation, the Lord Chancellor (report, September 29) did not spend a few years in a solicitors office, perhaps one in one of the poorer parts of London, to find out how confused, frightened and muddled people are when faced with a legal dispute. That can indeed be so even with educated people, even with members of other professions.

Few people understand the basic principles of law of contract or tort and there is no reason why they should. Fewer still will understand the law relating to damages.

It is said that the small-claims procedure handles 50,000 cases a year, but in how many of those is the right result achieved? In how many would the result have been the same if the parties had tossed a coin?

But 50,000 is a paltry figure. When you think of the number of disputes there must be which fall within the small-claims procedure why is it not 500,000, or five million? In how many cases do people with genuine claims have to forgo them because they do not have the courage or do not feel they have the knowledge and expertise to conduct their own cases in court?

Yours faithfully,
J. B. HODGE,
Gregory, Rowcliffe & Milners,
1 Bedford Row, WC1.
October 3.

## German wines

*From the Chairman of Hallgarten Wines Ltd*

Sir, A new German wine law might be on its way through the Bundestag (letter, October 5), but it should be observed that this is without the benefit of co-ordinated overseas advice from those who have devoted their business lives to promoting fine German wines.

A proposal for an international "think-tank" on current German wine problems has been continually rejected. Official comment is, "foreigners cannot, and have no right to tell us how to change our laws".

Not even to restore the traditional image and increase future export sales of fine wines?

I remain, yours faithfully,
PETER HALLGARTEN,
Chairman,
Hallgarten Wines Ltd,
Carker's Lane, NW5.
October 5.

## Venerable vegetable

*From Mr Fred R. Atkin*

Sir, In "Hot pot from the south" (*The Times* Cook, October 1) Frances Bissell refers to the potato variety Pink Fir Apple as a newly-introduced variety. Reference books state that Pink Fir Apple was introduced "before 1900".

I have been growing it for at least 30 years. It is, despite its artichoke-like appearance, by far the finest of the salad potatoes. The main problem is to find a supplier of seed tubers. I have had to save my own as a general rule.

Yours faithfully,
FRED R. ATKIN,
Springhead,
High Street,
Winsham,
Chard, Somerset.
October 3.

## Coming power struggle in Europe

*From Sir David Crouch*

Sir, Anyone who thinks the Single European Act does not weaken the sovereignty of Parliament is indulging in wishful thinking. We have to face the fact that there will have to be a show-down in Europe about where the power lies. It is not a question of who are the best Europeans, but how each nation regards its own democratic institutions.

The Westminster Parliament is still the central pillar of our own democratic structure. To succeed in a political career you have to be in Parliament at Westminster, not Strasbourg. Prime ministers' batons are not to be found in the knapsacks of the members of the European Parliament. But after 1992 they will be playing a more important role and their colleagues at Westminster a less important one.

The Prime Minister (reports, September 21, 22) was right to fire a shot across the bows of the Brussels bureaucrats. She was concerned about British sovereignty. Mrs Thatcher was reminding our partners in Europe that the future of Europe will depend on political power in Brussels exercised by ministers accountable to their national parliaments.

The time has come to make our parliamentary representatives in Europe once again members of the Westminster Parliament. It will mean reverting to a dual role for Westminster MPs who serve in Europe. They should be provided with the necessary staff and given some relaxation in their attendance at Westminster.

If the sovereignty of Parliament is not to be lost the only way is to put the representatives of that sovereignty to work in Europe. We already do so in the Council of Europe. It is vital that we do the same in the European Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CROUCH,
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Tufton Street, SW1.
October 4.

*From Mr Derek Prag, MEP for Hertfordshire (European Democrat (Conservative))*

Sir, Richard Owen's Brussels View (October 3) came as a cooling waft of common sense. Of course there are differing views on how the European Community should develop, and the Prime Minister has done a service in opening up a public debate at the highest level.

Mr Owen raises two of the issues in contention — what will be the impact of 1992 on national sovereignty, and how can the Brussels bureaucracy be made democratically accountable?

On the second question, there is only one way of making the (small and efficient) Brussels bureaucracy more accountable. Few really believe any longer that this can be achieved by the 12 national parliaments. If they had had the time, ability, and desire to supervise EC legislation and activity effectively, they would have done so already.

Moreover, giving the national parliaments effective powers to revise and after Community legislation would in practice destroy the Community. It is difficult enough as it is to reach decisions in the Council of Ministers, where there is only one minister from each of the 12 member states. Imagine what it would be like trying to reconcile the views of 12 parliaments, with their multiplicity of party views as well as national attitudes.

In the last resort there is only one way to make the Brussels bureaucracy more accountable, and that is by transferring to the European Parliament the powers of control and supervision which the national parliaments have already lost to the Council of Ministers.

Since July last year the Single European Act has greatly increased our powers over a range of legislation. In the long run the European Parliament will have to be given powers of democratic control over European legislation similar to those exercised by national parliaments over national legislation.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PRAG,
Pine Hill, 47 New Road,
Digswell, Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
October 3.

*From Mr. F. G. de L. Rutherford*

Sir, The bureaucratic nightmare that Mrs Thatcher evoked in Bruges is indeed familiar to Continental Europeans, but they have little idea of the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Not for them the freedom to venture from home without identification papers, the freedom to trade without a permit, to buy and sell property without first proving their identity to a notary.

The Continental system of codified laws, so efficiently imposed by Napoleon throughout his European empire, subordinates the citizen to the state. England was mercifully spared and our common law continues to elevate the fundamental freedom of the individual above all else. No other country enjoys more liberty.

Continental Europeans are generally unaware of this difference and when they learn of it, they assume that by 1992 we will just have to get used to their ways.

It is vital that, as we unite with the Continent, we preserve our private and commercial freedom. If we allow ourselves to be oppressed by the functionaries of Europe, the dream will indeed become a nightmare.

Yours faithfully,
F. G. de L. RUTHERFORD,
Rutherfords (estate agents in France),
197 Knightsbridge, SW7.
October 4.

## Hong Kong's future

*From the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office*

Sir, Mr Paul Sieghart (October 3) misinterprets the exchange between Mr Bernard Levin (September 26) and my colleague, Sir Geoffrey Howe (September 28) on human rights in Hong Kong, reaching the conclusion that "Mr Levin is clearly right". This is not so.

*Pace* Mr Levin, human rights in Hong Kong after 1997 *are* to be based on the relevant international covenants: article 38 of the draft Basic Law, which Mr Sieghart quotes, says so. But as Geoffrey Howe also made clear, there are indeed imperfections in this initial draft which must be put right.

Mr Sieghart also asserts that the international covenants, once implemented through law in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), could be revoked by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress in Peking. How can this be so, given that the Draft Basic Law requires that the provisions of the international covenants shall be implemented through law and that the only relevant ground given in the draft for revocation of any HKSAR law is inconsistency with the Basic Law?

The Chinese authorities are consulting public opinion in Hong Kong about the draft and have declared their willingness to amend it accordingly. For this they deserve credit. We will continue our efforts to focus their attention on the deficiencies which have been identified. But I have no doubt that they appreciate the crucial importance of getting the final version of the Basic Law right.

Yours etc.,
GLENARTHUR,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.

## Mail strike losses

*From Mr Robin Evans*

Sir, Surely the time has come for the Government to act and put an end to a monopoly which almost crippled the nation this month. How many millions of pounds were lost and are still being lost because of the postal strike and the inevitable backlog of mail?

Coping with a staggering demand for the dispatch of over 3,000 extra consignments a day during the strike, my company refused to be "held to ransom" and, for my part, I was perfectly prepared to face the consequences — legal and otherwise — of breaching the unreasonable legislation demanding private companies charge a minimum of £1 per envelope delivered.

I needed no more than the sorry tales of customers frustrated by missed deadlines, lost time, and wasted money to offer a "50p around town" emergency service with an easy conscience!

The time for new legislation is now, before the threat of any similar industrial action is allowed to dent the economy again.

Yours faithfully,
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September 29.

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## GCSE comparisons

*From Mr G. J. Samuel*

Sir, Mr G. F. Evans (September 30) is right to wonder how an employer can compare a GCSE English based on 100 per cent coursework with a result derived, in part at least, from an examination.

Earlier this year our English teachers were subjected to pressure from the board to opt for 100 per cent coursework. It was common knowledge in schools that this would probably secure better results. In this school we chose the traditional path, which involved an examination. The results confirmed our worst fears.

On this basis we can give this advice to Mr Evans and other employers: as 100 per cent coursework produces "better" grades, they should adjust the results accordingly. A D obtained by the traditional route might well rate a coursework C. In any case the percipient employer will prefer applicants who have proved their worth in an examination.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY J. SAMUEL,
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Hounslow, Middlesex.

*From Mr L. B. Wheatley*

Sir, As a former examiner and moderator with over 20 years' experience in CSE English examinations of both exam, coursework, and spoken English; and spoken and coursework only, I would recommend Mr Gwyn Evans to regard a prospective employee who has taken an exam including a written paper or papers as likely to be rather more literate than one with a similar grade who has taken the coursework assessment only. The spoken element is common to both.

Yours faithfully,
L. B. WHEATLEY,
Tregea, Lower Upton,
Bude, Cornwall.

## A bridge too far for Humberside

*From the Leader of Humberside County Council*

Sir, On October 11 a public inquiry will be held at the Guildhall, Hull, to once again determine the level of tolls for traffic passing over the Humber Bridge. This inquiry coincides with the recently published report on Humberside by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

Very early on in the report the commissioners make the point that the Humber Bridge is not fulfilling its role:

We did not gain the impression from the representations we had received that the existence of the toll bridge had as yet succeeded in binding the two sides of the county together.

The report concluded that Humberside

. . . should now be given an undisturbed opportunity to build up the necessary long-term loyalty to the new county, on both sides of the Humber.

At present a one-way trip across the bridge costs a car driver £1.50; it is proposed to raise this to £1.70. If this rise goes ahead, Humbersiders will have to pay £3.40 to travel both ways across the mile of water that separates north from south. With a penalty such as this, how can the county hope to form a single economic and administrative unit?

The continued presence of heavy tolls is a major disincentive to mobility in Humberside. If the Government can write off the debt for Rover cars to enable British Aerospace to take them on board, or wipe out the £1.7 billion debt of British Steel, then I am sure they can do the same for the 850,000 people of Humberside and write off the Humber Bridge debt.

Yours faithfully,
T. GERAGHTY, Leader,
Humberside County Council,
County Hall,
Beverley,
North Humberside.
September 29.

## 'Green' issues

*From the Minister of State for Housing, Environment, and the Countryside*

Sir, Mr John Calabrini (October 4) must have surprised your readers. It was strange that in his comments on "Our Common Future" (the Brundtland report) he did not mention the welcome to it given by the Government on its publication, the positive support which the Government gave at the United Nations and the Toronto economic summit in June this year.

Nor does he seem to be aware that this was followed by a detailed Government response, including a foreword by the Prime Minister, which set out the practical action the United Kingdom is taking on the issues raised in the report. One wonders whether he is trying to perpetuate the myth that "we are the black sheep of the industrialized nations".

We will participate fully in the 1990 ministerial conference which the Norwegian Government plans to hold. As one of only a few countries to have so far responded in detail, we hope that many more around the world will follow the lead the UK has given on "Our Common Future".

Yours sincerely,
CAITHNESS,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
October 5.

## Shadow over Games

*From the General Secretary of the TUC*

Sir, The moving scenes at the final of the Seoul Olympic Games, with individuals expressing their pleasure at having taken part and their friendship with each other, must have touched the hearts of many of us. But a shadow lies over those games, and still does — the undoubted lack of important civil rights in South Korea.

As one example, amongst others, 34 engineering and chemical trade unionists remain in jail, charged with no other offence than being involved in strikes which, even under the restrictive legislation in the Republic of Korea, were quite legal.

This is a fact which should not be forgotten by the Western industrialised countries, whose trade unionists would want to welcome Korea into the family of democratic countries. The action of the Korean authorities shows the shortcomings which persist and which must be remedied.

Yours sincerely,
NORMAN WILLIS,
General Secretary,
Trades Union Congress,
Congress House,
Great Russell Street, WC1.
October 4.

## Matter of taste?

*From Mr Damon Hart-Davis*

Sir, A certain party has been accused of being the "salad" party. Although intended as mildly pejorative, may I point out that salad, as a meal, is natural, delectable, "green", environmentally aware, non-nuclear, fresh, and, above all, good for the consumer.

A political feast awaits!

Yours,
DAMON HART-DAVIS,
3/9 James Court,
Edinburgh 1.
October 2.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 6: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of the Governor-General of New Zealand and Lady Reeves, and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 6: *This morning* The Princess of Wales opened the new Day Care Centre of the *Hospice Care Foundation*, 10 Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Subsequenbtly *Her Royal* Highness, Patron, Help the Aged, presented a mini-bus to the Hospice and visited a mobile security workshop at 10, Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough.

This afternoon The Princess of Wales opened the Maternity Unit at South Cleveland Hospital, Marton Road, Middlesbrough.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's *Flight*.

KENSINGTON PALACE
*October 6*: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon opened the Dulwich *Kidney Patients'* Association Ward at Dulwich Hospital.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 6: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a dinner at The Reform Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

## Birthdays today

Mr Christopher Booker, author, 51; Sir Colin Chandler, aviation expert, 49; Mr Shura Cherkassky, pianist, 77; Mr Joseph Cooper, pianist and broadcaster, 76; Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, Provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 69; Sir Andrew Derbyshire, architect, 65; Professor Harold Dexter, organist, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher, 72; Dr Mark Girouard, architectural historian, 57; Lord Glenarthur, 44; Mr B.M.S. Hoban, former head master, Harrow School, 67; Mr Clive James, broadcaster, 49; Mr Thomas Keneally, author, 53; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Aubrey Mansergh, 90; Miss Yaltah Menuhin, pianist, 67; Lord Justice Stocker, 70; Major-General *Julian Thompson*, 54; Miss Jayne Torvill, ice-skater, 31; the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, *Archbishop of Cape Town*, 57; Mr Yo Yo Ma, cellist, 33.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, Reading, 1573; Niels Bohr, atomic physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1885.

DEATHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Venice, 1612; Edgar Allan Poe, Baltimore, Maryland, 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1894; Harvey Cushing, pioneer of neuro-surgery, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939; C R W Nevinson, painter, London 1946.

The Great Fire of Chicago, when 250 people were killed, 1871.

## Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Kent will attend a service to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Auxiliary Territorial Service in St Paul's Cathedral at 2.25.

Prince Michael of Kent, as Admiral, will open a new clubhouse at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club at 5.30.

## The Purcell School

The following instrumental appointments have been made in the Music Department, with effect from September 1, 1988:

Mr Peter Stark, Head of Strings; Mr Quentin Poole, Head of Wind; and Mrs Roshan Magub, Head of Keyboard.

Auditions for Government awards and other Scholarships to be taken up in September 1989 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 1989. Applications should be made as soon as possible to The Registrar, The Purcell School, Mount Park Road, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, HA1 3JS. Telephone: 01-422 1284. Closing date for applications: November 30, 1988.

Lady (Robin) Darwin was present at the service of thanksgiving for the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava held on Wednesday at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Basil Ziani de Ferranti will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 1988, at 11am, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster. Those wishing to be present are requested to write to: Mrs Pamela Entwistle, The Kangaroo Group, *Millbank Tower*, London, SW1P 4QS. Tickets will be posted on October 31.

## Service dinners

**Royal Fusiliers**
Major-General B.C. Webster presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Fusiliers Officers Club held last night at the City of London Headquarters, HM Tower of London.

**Corps of Royal Engineers**
General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a dinner of the Corps of Royal Engineers held last night at the RE Headquarter Mess, Brompton Barracks, Chatham. The guests included:

Viscount Ridley, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Air Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Mr Julian Brazier, MP, Dr R Woodward, Mr Walter Bamford, Mr C J Jeffries, Colonel E G Krohen and Mr J W Augur.

**Headquarters Strike Command**
Group Captain P. Holland presided at a dining-in night held yesterday at Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, to welcome Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command and Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Air Forces. Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr Chief of Staff, received the guests.

**Advanced Class Dinner Club**
General Sir John Stibbon, Master General of the Ordnance, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, Woolwich. Major-General E.G. Willmott, president of the club, presided.

## Reception

**Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor**
Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, President of the Channel Tunnel Association, was host last night at a reception held at the House of Lords for members of the Channel Tunnel Association to mark their silver jubilee and year of commencement of the tunnel.

## Luncheon

***100 Group***
Mr D.W. Hardy, Chairmen of the 100 Group, was host at a luncheon for members of the 100 Group and their guests, held on Wednesday, at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Moorgate Place. Sir Peter Thompson, Chairman of the National Freight Consortium plc, was guest speaker.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S.W.J. Garthwaite and Miss C.S. Pigott**
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger twin son of Sir William and Lady Garthwaite, of Matfield house, Matfield, Kent, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pigott, of Thrales End, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

**Mr N.G. Allan and Miss J.E. Hancock**
The engagement is announced between Nigel Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs S.G. Allan, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Julia Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A.L. Hancock, of West Parley, Wimborne, Dorset.

**Mr S.J. Batchelor and Miss J.S.C. Simmonds**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Dr and Mrs F.R. Batchelor, of Leigh, Surrey, and Jacqueline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Simmonds, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

**Captain M.C. Bouch, RAOC and Miss A.E. Sargood**
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Bouch, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Sargood, of High Handenhold, County Durham.

**Mr R. Clift and Miss S. Roberts**
The engagement is announced between Rhys, younger son of Philip Clift, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Eirfron Jones, of Pontrhydfendigaid, Dyfed, Wales, and Susan, elder daughter of Alan Roberts, of Stourbridge, Staffordshire, and Margaret Rixon, of Wordsley, Staffordshire.

**Mr J.V. Darley and Miss H.S.A. Morrissey**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs V. Darley, of Salford, Manchester, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Morrissey, of Yarm, Cleveland.

**Mr P.D. Emmett and Miss S.E. Mackay**
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs L. Emmett, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Shona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.L. Mackay, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

**Mr J.M. Frizzell and Miss J.M. Bishop**
The engagement is announced between John Morton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.M. Frizzell, of Blenheim, New Zealand, and Janet Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Bishop, of Bamford, Derbyshire.

**Mr C.E. Hargreaves and Miss K.S.K. Plante**
The engagement is announced between Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Hargreaves, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Plante, of Worcester.

**Mr W.D. Humphreys and Miss H.A. McCarter**
The engagement is announced between William David Humphreys, of Oxford, and Hilary Ann McCarter, also of Oxford and Windrush.

**Mr A.W. Layton and Mrs S.E. Forshaw**
The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of His Honour and Mrs Paul Layton, of Wimbledon, London, SW19, and Sandy, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs G.A.K. Matheson, of West Drayton, Middlesex.

**Lieutenant A.R. Nicholl and Miss E.E. Wilson Smith**
The engagement is announced between Alexander Richard Nicholl, 3rd Battalion Light Infantry, younger son of Commander and Mrs C.J. Nicholl, of Warsash, Hampshire, and Emma Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Wilson Smith, of Wymington, Bedfordshire.

**Mr M. Levinkind and Miss H.E. Goldie**
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs J. Levinkind, of London, and Helena Elspeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs L. Goldie, of London.

**Mr H.S. Neville and Miss J.M. Bathurst**
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Neville, of Aubourn Hall, Lincoln, and Joanna, daughter of Mr Timothy Bathurst, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Mary Bathurst, of Nettlebed, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

**Mr D.E. Pettingale and Miss B.A-M. Delf**
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Mr Edwin Pettingale, and of Mrs Mary Pettingale, of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Delf, of Aldersbrook, Staffordshire.

**Mr T.S. Price and Miss C.A. Selwood**
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs Freddie Price, of Castlebar Road, London, W5, and Carole, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Selwood, of Agnes Road, London, W3.

**Mr G.M. Rowell and Miss J.U. Ashley**
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs E.A. Rowell, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Group Captain K.F. Ashley, OBE, and Mrs Ashley, of Cambridge.

**Mr R. Somervell and Mrs D.J. McNeill**
The engagement is announced between Robert Somervell, of Cook House, Levens, Kendal, and Jean McNeill, of Gelli Goch Uchaf, Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth.

**Mr I.A. Sparks and Miss G.J. Davis**
The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Mr J.R. Sparks, of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, and Mrs J.E. Sparks, of Ampney St Peter, Gloucestershire, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Davis, of West Byfleet, Surrey.

**Mr A.N. Winnett and Miss V.C. Barrett Greene**
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs N.J. Winnett, of Barlaston, Staffordshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Barrett Greene, of Woodseaves, Staffordshire.

## Marriages

**Mr H.E.S. Jackson and Miss S.J. Birkmyre**
The marriage took place yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Hugo Jackson, younger son of Sir Edward and Lady Jackson, of Paultons Square, Chelsea, to Miss Serena Jane Birkmyre, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Archibald Birkmyre, of The Old Presbytery, Buckland, Oxfordshire. The Rev A.C.C. Courtauld and the Rev W.L. Glazebrook officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Holmes, Lucy and Alexander Hill, Harry Dodd-Noble and Charlie Fellowes. Mr Toby Jackson was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

***Mr C. Hugill and Miss L. Godsall***
The marriage took place on *September 3, at St Alphege* Church, Solihull, between Mr Charles Hugill, only son of the late Mr J.A.C. Hugill and of Mrs J.A.C. Hugill, of Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, and Miss Louise Godsall, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Godsall, of Solihull, West Midlands. The Rev Christopher Salter officiated.

# OBITUARIES

## COMTESSE CHEVREAU d'ANTRAIGUES

### High life in Lausanne



Comtesse Chevreau d'Antraigues, who became one of the most accomplished and elegant of international society hostesses, died in Lausanne on October 4 at the age of 89.

Born in London on March 29, 1899, the younger daughter of the Scottish shipping magnate, Sir John Latta, she was one of the outstanding beauties of her generation, better known in Britain as Mary Latta.

After her marriage, in 1924, to the French aristocrat, Maurice Fontaine, seventh Marquis de Cramayel, she spent the rest of her life living in Switzerland. Her only child, Guy, later the 8th Marquis, who was born in 1925, died in 1985.

Her first husband died in 1943, and four years later she married another French nobleman, Comte Henri Chevreau d'Antraigues.

Their magnificent 18th century house, L'Elysée, at Ouchy-Lausanne, was the setting for some of Europe's most splendid and memorable post-war parties, notable for the extraordinary mixture of personalities on her invitation list — from her neighbour, Queen Victoria Eugenia of Spain, to Noël Coward and Charles Chaplin.

After her second husband's death in 1971, she sold L'Elysée to the Commune of the Canton de Vaud, who now use it as an art gallery, and moved to a smaller but equally distinctive house, Le Pavillon, in Lausanne, where she continued to entertain with her accustomed flair.

Her work for British and French charities in Switzerland was officially recognised by the French government with the award of the Gold Medal of Reconnaissance Francaise in 1947. She was created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in 1960.

## A/V-M 'BOBBY' BLUCKE

Air-Vice Marshal Robert Stewart Blucke, CB, CBE, DSO, AFC, who died on October 2, at the age of 91, was a 1930s test pilot who flew the antiquated biplanes of the day in the experiments which were to lead to the development of Britain's life-saving radar chain.

Seen from the standpoint of the Second World War the ungainly Handley Page Heyford bomber might have seemed an unlikely vehicle with which to conduct experiments in electronic technology. By the time it entered squadron service it was already an aerial dinosaur.

But the Heyford had its moment, and its niche in aeronautical history, when on a misty February morning in 1935, piloted by "Bobby" Blucke, it had radio waves bounced off it in flight at 10,000 feet to demonstrate that what was to become known successively as Radio Direction Finding, and then as radar, was technically feasible.

These early gropings in the obscurities of radar technology were vital to the victory which was achieved over the *Luftwaffe* in the Battle of Britain, five years later.

When war came Blucke was in charge of blind approach training, and later helped in the counter-offensive against the German *Knickebein* transmitters, along which the *Luftwaffe's* bombers aimed to fly and bomb British cities.

Cooperating with scientists, and using his experience of flying along radio beams, Blucke played his part in ensuring that these beams were deflected, and that many tons of German bombs fell harmlessly.

After the war Blucke was Air Officer Commanding in Malaya, at the height of operations against communist insurgents; he ended his career as head of Transport Command.

In retirement he was general manager of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and a daughter. A son predeceased him.

## MAJ-GEN MAX SAWERS

Major General Max Sawers, CB, MBE, who died on September 29, aged 68, was Signal Officer in Chief of the British Army from 1971 until 1974 after having had a distinguished career in his chosen field, which included introducing the new tactical communications system Bruin in the 1960s.

It was after a spell as chief instructor at the School of Signals in Catterick that Sawers became increasingly involved, in such innovatory developments. The school was the "think tank" of the corps out of which Bruin, and ultimately Ptarmigan, emerged.

As commander of Royal Signals in the First British Corps in Germany during 1968-69 he was responsible for introducing Bruin, which involved an entirely new concept of operations needing to be taught to commanders and staff as well as to his signallers.

In the Korean War he was awarded the MBE as a squadron commander in the First Commonwealth Divisional Signal Regiment.

He had a close shave when a "friendly" mortar bomb landed right at his feet on the famous Hill 355 but, fortunately, for him and for those who had mistakenly directed it, failed to explode.

During the Second World War Sawers served with the 81 (WA) Division in West Africa and Burma, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel at 24 and was twice mentioned in despatches.

He was a Colonel Commandant of his Corps, and Honorary Colonel of 72st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment.

Sailing was an abiding leisure interest, both as performer and in its management. He became commodore of the Army Sailing Association and was admiral of the Royal Signals Yacht Club from 1974 to 1984

He was educated at Rugby and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he graduated in 1939.

He married his wife, Grace, in 1945 on his return from Burma. They had two sons and a daughter, all of whom survive him.

## SULTAN HAMENGKUBUWONO

Sultan Hamengkubuwono IX, a former Vice-President of Indonesia and one of the country's last reigning sultans, died on October 2 aged 76.

He opposed the Japanese when they invaded the then Dutch East Indies in 1942, choosing to stay with his people, and later helped Indonesians in their independence struggle.

The sultan, a Moslem and a revered figure in Indonesia, was prominent in public life for almost four decades, assuming the role of aristocratic republican.

As the ninth Sultan of Jogjakarta, Hamengkubuwono belonged to a family which traced their ancestry to the ancient Hindu-Javanese dynasties ruling before the Dutch colonised the archipelago in the 16th century.

He, however, played a key role in the struggle against the Dutch which brought formal independence in 1949, personally helping to negotiate the handover of power.

He had publicly announced support for the revolutionaries, then opposing the Dutch colonial authorities after the Second World War, on his return from studying in the Netherlands.

With Sukarno installed as the country's first president, most sultans lost their thrones. Hamengkubuwono kept his, however, serving first under the left-wing President Sukarno, and later under the anti-Communist President Suharto.

In 1973 he was appointed vice-president.

After declining a second term in 1978, he retired from the national stage yet still held absolute power in his own sultanate, ruling with the title of governor of the special district of Jogjakarta, the ancient centre of Indonesian culture.

## Dinners

**Reform Club**
The Duke of Gloucester was the guest of honour last night at a dinner given at the Reform Club by the committee and members to mark his acceptance of election as an honorary member of the club. The Rev Paul Rowntree Clifford presided.

**Horners' Company**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended the annual dinner of the Horners' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Reginald E. Gill, Master, presided and Judge Pigot, Common Serjeant in the City of London, also spoke. The Lord Mayor presented the 1988 Horners' Award for Plastics to Mr Bernard Sams. The Master presented a trophy to Major P.C. Harris, Commanding Officer of RAOC 73 Ordnance Company (V), to mark the adoption by the Horners' Company of the territorial army unit.

**Gibbs Hartley Cooper Limited**
Gibbs Hartley Cooper Limited, the insurance broking subsidiary of The Hongkong Bank Group, held a dinner last night in the Captains' Room at Lloyd's for clients, underwriters and friends, to mark the tercentenary of the Lloyd's Insurance Market. Mr W. Purves, Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was in the chair and other speakers were Mr Murray Lawrence, Chairman of Lloyd's, Mr G.F. Puttergill, Chairman of Gibbs Hartley Cooper Limited, and Mr Derek Nimmo.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Denis Clark to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Mr Jeffrey Hamilton Rucker to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South eastern Circuit.

Mr James Stuart-Smith, QC, Judge Advocate General of the Forces, re-elected President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.

Mr Harry E Fitzgibbons, managing director, Hambros Advanced Technology Trust, and Mr Stephen R C Jones, head of international relations, Department of Education and Science, to be members of the Fulbright Commission.

Alderman Christopher Collett, the next Lord Mayor of London, to be appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE).

# New portrait of Duchess



Detail from a new portrait of the Duchess of Kent, commissioned by the Glaziers' Company, which the Duchess will unveil at Glaziers' Hall next Thursday at the company's annual Ladies' Dinner. The portrait is by Leonard Boden, who has painted many Royal portraits, including ten of the Queen. The Duchess is an Honorary Freeman of the Glaziers' Company.

## New chairman

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Conservative MP for Perth and Kinross, and former Solicitor General for Scotland, has been appointed chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland. He takes over on December 1 from the Marquess of Bute, chairman since 1983.

## Service luncheon

**Indian Army**
Indian Army Officers of 5 Company Bangalore 1942 held a luncheon at Over-Seas House, St James's, yesterday. Major R.H.D. Graveston presided and Father David Brigstocke, SJ, also spoke.

## New president of European Court

Important changes in the composition of the European Court of Justice were announced yesterday.

The President, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, retired after more than 15 years, the last four and a half as President. The new President is Judge Ole Due of Denmark, a judge since October 1979.

Lord Mackenzie Stuart's place as judge will be taken by Advocate General Sir Gordon Flynn, who has been Advocate General since February 1981.

Giacinto Bosco of Italy, judge since 1974, retires and is replaced by Federico Mancini who has been Advocate General since October 1982.

Judge Ulrich Everling of Germany retires and is replaced by Professor Manfred Zuleeg, also of Germany.

Francis Jacobs, QC, replaces Sir Gordon Slynn as Advocate General.

Judge Kai Bahlmann retires and will be replaced by Senor Manuel Diez de Velasco Vallejo of Spain.

Guiseppe Tesauro replaces Fedorico Mancini as Advocate General.

Judge Yves Galmot retires to be replaced by Fernand Grévisse, a member of the French Conseil d'Etat and a former member of the Court of Justice.

Advocate General José Luis Da Cruz Vilaca of Portugal retires to be replaced by Professor Walter van Gerven of Belgium.

The composition of the court for the next three years will be as follows: Judge O Due, Denmark (President); Judge T Koopmans, the Netherlands; Judge Sir Gordon Slynn, United Kingdom; Judge F Grévisse, France; Judge G Mancini, Italy; Judge C Kakouris, Greece. Advocate General C O Lenz, Germany; Advocate General M Darmon, France; Judge R Joliet, Belgium; Judge T O'Higgins, Ireland; Judge F Shockweiler, Luxembourg; Advocate general J Mischo, Luxembourg; Judge J C de Carvalho Moitinho de Almeida, portugal; Judge G C Rodriguez Iglesias, Spain; Judge G C de Velasco Vallejo, Spain; Judge M Zuleeg, Germany; Advocate General W van Gerven, Belgium; Advocate General T G Jacobs, United Kingdom; Advocate General G Tesauro, Italy; Registrar J-G Giraud, France.

# Memorial service

**Sir William Woolf Harris**
A memorial service for Sir William Woolf Harris was held on Wednesday at the West London Synagogue. Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated. Mr Cyril Norton and Mr Clive Berger paid tribute. Among those present were:

Lady Harris (widow), Mr and Mrs Richard Harris (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Alain Youlet and Mr and Mrs David Brafman (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr and Mrs Joseph Harris, Mr and Mrs Baron Harris (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs Karen Royal, Mr Charles Harris, Mr and Mrs Michael Grabiner, Mrs B Friedman.

Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Chelmer, the Hon Mrs Rix, Sir John Tilley, Sir Colin Cole, Lady Wolfson, Lady (Charles) Colston, Sir Anthony and Lady Garner, Lady Shields, Sir Ian MacLeod (National Union Conservative and Unionist Associations), Sir Dennis and Lady Tilcheher-Barrett, Mr Anthony and Dame Simona Pressdee, Mr S W and Dame Unity Lister, Mr and Mrs John Oppenheim-Barnes, Judge Ivor Taylor, Mr Lewis D Moss, Mr John Selby, Mr and Mrs M Stanhope, Dr Walter Somerville, Mr Brian Taylor, Mr Robert Harris, Mr and Mrs Stephen Hastings, Miss Stella Rasin and Mr Paul Tanner (Salisbury and Company), Mr and Mrs John Graham, Miss Monica Graham, Mr and Mrs Sidney Lester, Mr Victor Lucas, Mrs Gordon Myers, Mr Stephen White, Mr J Moss, Mr Jens Breyer Christensen, Mr Peter Golds, Mrs Marian Harrison (Queensbead and Highgate Conservative Association), Mr Robin F Nelder, (National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations), Mr Jeffery Steed (Conservative Central Office), Mr Peter Barnes (representing Bow Street Probation Officers) and the Junior Warden and Clerk of the Basketmakers Company.


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# Dali painting near to record

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
*Art Market Correspondent*

Salvador Dali's "Tristan and Isolde", a landscape painting of poplars from which spring skeletons, fetched 462,000 dollars (£267,052) at Christie's New York yesterday. The price was just short of his record.

One of Dali's most bizarre assemblages, the "Lobster Telephone", from 1936, sold for double its estimate at £63,583.

These two works were the highlights in more than 100 works from the Edward James Collection, sold by the Sussex foundation named after him to raise funds to repair hurricane damage last year.

The most expensive painting, at £349,710, was "Comedie du Soir" by the Belgian metaphysical painter, Paul Delvaux, of three women-cum-mannequins wandering through a landscape combining a Romanesque cloister and a bleak mountain range. It is one of his classic images.

There was a record also for Leonora Carrington, a British Surrealist painter now in her seventies. Her "Tuesday," a cross between Tolkein and Breughel, fetched £78,107 (three times estimate).

By the end of the sale, the foundation was £1.1 million the richer, Christie's 20 percent commission apart.

Christie's were selling Russian nostalgia in bulk in London yesterday, at a gigantic theme sale of art and antiques gathered from expatriates and descendants from the Revolution.

Not surprisingly, items made by the famous Fabergé workshop of St Petersburg sold well, although there were no absolute show stoppers. A pair of silver-mounted two-light candelabra in Louis XIV style sold anonymously for £37,400 (estimate up to £25,000) while a peridot and diamond necklace, bracelet and earrings doubled their estimate at £23,100.

Fabergé picture frames complete with painful associations sold well: a strawberry-red enamel picture frame with its oval image of the Empress Maria Fedorovna still intact was bought anonymously for £17,600 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

Best post-Revolutionary lot was a dish painted with the image of a bellringer, with bell-pulls criss-crossing the composition and the slogan in Cyrillic "Long Live the 8th Congress of the Soviets." By Aleksandra Shchekotikhina-Pototskaia, an artist famed for her sets and costumes for the 1913 Diaghilev ballet production of Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" and one of the best artists at the Porcelain State Factory, it was bought for £20,900 — three times its estimate.

A Constructivist painting by Alexander Rodchenko fetched top price, selling on its upper estimate for £154,000 to a private telephone bidder. Entitled "Composition," it was a colourful but cracked oil panel where geometric shapes take on an organic appearance. A set of 34 Suprematist lithographs by Rodchenko's colleage Kasimir Malevich, considered his most ambitious graphic work, were bought by the Swedish trade for £60,500, within estimate. The sale totalled £1.8 million, just over the pre-sale estimate.

Sotheby's completed a three-day coin sale with two collections of gold coins, both Roman and Byzantine. The former, an established market, did better. Here, good prices included £18,700 (upper estimate £12,000) for a gold aureus bearing the laureate head of the emperor Vespasian and commemorating the subjugation of the Jews after their revolt of 66-70. The coin was bought by the Californian dealer Numismatic Fine Art.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer: O Lord, make no tarrying.
Psalm 70:5

## BIRTHS

**BARNETT** - On October 3rd, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Jane (née Beecham) and Daniel, a son, George.

**BHARATT** - On Wednesday October 5th, to Philippa (née Carney) and Richard, a daughter, Richenda Juliet Rose. A sister for Tom, Edward and Oliver.

**EMLYN-WILLIAMS** - On October 4th, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Tricia and Huw, a daughter, Iona Frances, a sister to Rhydian.

**GALTON** - On October 3rd, to Clare (née Coady) and Simon, a daughter Miranda.

**HAWKINS** - On October 2nd, to Jill and Robert, a daughter, Lucy Ella.

**KENNING** - On October 5th, to Sheffield to Valerie (née Carmichael) and Andrew a daughter, Stefanie Marie, a sister for William and Anna.

**MAHADEVAN** - On October 5th, at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, to Nalla (née Gandhi) and Vishy, a son Arjun, a brother for Janaki.

**McGREGOR** - On October 4th, to Patricia (née Simpson) and Charles, a son, Angus Timothy Donald.

**PITTS** - On September 26th, 1988, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, to Caroline (née Pattison) and David, a second son, Thomas Robert, a brother for Patrick.

**SCRIVENER** - On October 5th, to Myfanwy and Richard, a daughter Frances Helen.

**SHEPHARD** - On October 5th, to Ann and Colin, a daughter Nikki Bernadette, a sister for Kirsty.

## MARRIAGES

**JONES-GREY** - The marriage took place on Saturday October 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, between Robert Jones, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Midhurst, to Cynthia Grey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cini of Malta.

**SANDS-BROWN** - On August 6th, in Francistown, Botswana, Jack, son of Jim and Maureen, to Nell, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J Byron of Co. Tipperary.

## DEATHS

**BARRON** - On October 5th, in a tragic accident, Fiona Juliet, dearly loved daughter of Jean and Tony, and sister of Joanna. Funeral service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Godalming, on Thursday October 13th at 11.15am. Followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, for Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine Memorial Fund c/o Pinnis Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Tel: (0483) 67394.

**BARRY** - On Wednesday September 28th 1988, in Jersey, Cecil Edward Lt. Col., (retired) aged 93 years. Requiem mass will be held at St Josephs Church, Roehampton Lane, Putney on October 21st at 10.00 am. Followed by interment at Putney Vale cemetery. Flowers and/or inquiries to Mr Christopher Henley, Kenyon Air Transportation Ltd, 12 Chiltern Street, Baker Street, London. Tel (01) 935 3728. May he rest in the peace and the grace of our Lord God.

**CHARLES** - On October 4th, peacefully after a long illness, Dr Alec Dewar. Private funeral, no flowers please, but donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund.

**DYMOND** - On October 5th, peacefully at home, John aged 90 beloved husband of Eileen, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral at Church Knowle on Tuesday October 11th at 2pm. Family flowers only.

**EVANS** - On October 5th 1988, suddenly, Harry Vernon Evans, aged 71 years. Service at St Johns Church, Shirley, Croydon on Wednesday October 12th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George St, Croydon.

**GALLOP** - On October 4th, at the Middlesex Hospital, Lilian Gallop. Funeral will take place on Friday, October 14th at 3.30pm, at Hendon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations to: Middlesex Hospital and Medical School Charitable Trust Appeal Office, Astor College, 99 Charlotte Street, London, W1P 1LD.

**GORSE** - On October 5th 1988, peacefully at home in Gerrards Cross, Sylvia Marjorie. Dearly loved mother of Andrew and John and wife of the late Stanley, of Cavendish Square and Moor Park. Funeral service at Brookpeer Crematorium, Horley on Tuesday October 11th at 12.00 noon (East Chapel). Flowers to T A Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex. Tel: 01 866 0324.

**JOHNSON** - On October 6th 1988, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Douglas Johnson of Brighton. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Tuesday October 11th, at 11 am. Donations if any to Age Concern may be sent to Bungard & Sons Ltd., 90 Sackville Road, Hove.

**KEMPE** - On Saturday October 1st, peacefully in a nursing home, The Reverend Alfred Humphrey Meadows, aged 87. Fondly remembered by his family and many friends. Funeral service at 2.30pm on Tuesday October 11th at Apuldram Church, Near Chichester, followed by cremation at 3pm at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Edward White & Son, Chichester 782 136.

**KENT** - On October 4th, suddenly in hospital, Dorothy Miriam (née Thom), aged 68 years, formerly Under Secretary Department of Employment, loving wife of Eric, mother of Graham, Philippa and Judith, grandmother of Nicholas and sister of Robert. Funeral service at 2pm on Tuesday October 11th at Saint Mary's Parish Church, Putney Bridge, SW15, followed by committal at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Messrs and Colbert, 161 Merton Road, SW19 5EQ. Telephone 01 874 7696.

**LARTER** - On September 28th, at Cheltenham General Hospital, Eleanor Jane Larter, wife of Michael John Joseph Brooken Larter, mother of Jane Clare Larter. The funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Cheltenham on Tuesday October 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Selim Smith and Co., 74 Prestbury Rd, Cheltenham, Glos.

**LONG** - On October 1st, suddenly, James Robert of Wheathampstead /Kimpton and St. Albans College, aged 17 years. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden on Friday October 14th, at 11.00 a.m. followed by interment at Westfield Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, 96A Luton Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel: 05827 2866/3596.

**MATTHEWS** - On October 4th 1988, peacefully at home, Margit (née Zotmi), widow of Professor Peni Taunton Matthews. Funeral at Chapel of City Cemetery, Teversham, Cambridge, on October 6th at 1pm. No flowers. Donations directly to CND or Oxfam.

**MEHLBERG** - On October 4th 1988, suddenly at home, Valerie Margaret (née Escreet), most beloved wife and sister. Funeral private.

**MORRISON** - On October 4th, Ivar, peacefully in hospital after a brave fight against cancer. Will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Langham, nr Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk on Monday October 10th at 3.30pm.

**NUGENT** - On October 6th 1988, peacefully after a short illness at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Frank Lionel, 10 - Braemar Court, Fraserburgh, beloved husband of the late Joey McPherson and a dear father to Fiona and Audrey. Funeral Service at 2pm on Monday October 10th, in the Old Parish Church, Fraserburgh, thereafter to Kirkton Cemetery. All friends respectively invited.

**PERERA** - On September 29th, peacefully at Saint Christopher's Hospice, Lloyd George, aged 62, husband to Jercy, father of Godfrey, Desmond, Sheran and Sonia. Service at Eltham Crematorium on October 10th at 12pm. He will be very deeply missed.

**QUEVATRE** - On October 4th 1988, peacefully at home, after an illness accepted with grace and fought Gallantly, Leonard Albert, aged 69, of St Saviour's Guernsey, beloved husband of Dorothy and father of Philip and Felicity. Funeral service at St Saviour's Church Guernsey, on Friday, October 7th at 3pm, relatives and friends kindly accept this intimation. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to British Cancer Research, c/o Lloyds Bank, St Peter Port, Guernsey. Private cremation.

**SALVESEN** - On October 4th 1988, suddenly at home, Sheila, (née Gibson), for 49 years beloved wife of Neville; dear mother of Camilla, Neil and Keith and much loved grandmother of Jeremy, Donald, Jessica, Tom and Ben. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service at St. Mark's Church, Pendlebury on Wednesday, October 12th, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research or the Hurtwood Hurricane Appeal Fund, may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

**SHARPE** - On 6th October 1988, Eva Sharpe, peacefully at home. Deeply mourned by her children Corinna, Donald and Cyril, son in law Jack, daughter in law Linda and grandchildren. Prayers morning and evening at 60 Furzecroft, George St. W1.

**SMITH** - On October 5th, suddenly in Bookham, Douglas A., dearly loved husband of Eileen (née Lyon), much loved father of Alistair and Kay and a dear grandfather. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday October 12th, at 10.30am. No flowers please, donations to the charity 'Leatherhead and District Housing Society', c/o The Chairman, Eisenhie House, Edwards Road, Great Bookham, KT23 3JA, of which Doug was Treasurer.

**SOUTHEY** - On October 4th 1988, at her London home, Joan Alice, only child of the late Mr & Mrs Reginald Balston, in her 86th year. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square on Friday October 14th at 11.00 am, followed by private cremation. Please no flowers. Enquiries Kenyons 01-834 4624.

**THOMPSON** - On October 5th, peacefully at Hospital in London, Ruth, widow of John de Forest, mother of Sally and John.

**WAUGH** - On October 5th 1988, peacefully at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, Mildred Bletsoe (née Whitworth) after illness borne with great dignity and courage. Dearly loved wife of Jack, mother of James and Bunty and grandmother of Mandy, Gary, Andy and Wiley. Funeral Service at All Saints Parish Church, Newmarket, Suffolk at 2pm on Monday October 10th followed by private Cremation. (Immediate family only). Family Flowers only please. Donations if desired to Newmarket Day Centre c/o Southgate of Newmarket Funeral Directors, 28 Duchess Drive, Newmarket.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**MERULEIUSON** - The Memorial Service for Jane, late of Harpenden and Rothamsted Research Station, will be held at St Nicholas' Church, Harpenden, on Monday October 10th, 1988, at 12.30 pm.

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# THE ARTS

TELEVISION

## Screening off reality

**Sitting granite-faced over episode three of *Tanner '88* (Channel 4), one was visited by two unfresh but eminently recyclable ideas: (1) that Americans are easily pleased; and (2) that Robert Altman cannot direct comedy.**

**Reports from across the pond confirm what disinterested commentators might have predicted in advance of transmission, that Gary Trudeau's serial about the fortunes of a marginal runner for the Democratic nomination has been so taken to heart by the viewing public that a large proportion of that constituency believes unshakably in the veracity of the mythical Jack Tanner's candidature. Life is welcome to imitate art, but when the art in question takes its beat so immediately from life (or presidential campaign updates on network news, which amount to the same thing), one feels like setting up a mirror in front of the television screen and leaving it to its own devices.**

**The besetting problem with all satire in any medium is that the more faithfully it mimics its target, the more nearly it seems to celebrate the values it set out to ridicule. When, last night, Tanner was arrested at an anti-South Africa demonstration in Washington, one of the suited goons in shades who communicate by means of wrist-watch mikes and deaf-aids told the uniformed police that they were not empowered to incarcerate a presidential candidate. Only the tight-lipped delivery of the actor signalled that this was supposed to be a funny line: if the contrast control had been a smidgen dimmer, the incident could have passed for *vérité*.**

***True Stories: Reno's Kids*** **(also Channel 4) introduced a bearded remedial teacher in a tough suburb of San Francisco, who reclaims high school drop-outs by instilling "self-esteem". Under such caring tutelage, his new class of snarling teenage hairdressers came along nicely. In a way, of course, they had already achieved the major part of the American Dream: they were on television.**

**Martin Cropper**

**Irving Wardle finds an Edwardian comedy has more than period charm**

# Class of 1908

THEATRE

### Mrs Dot
Palace, Watford

An Edwardian oasis in a development desert, the Palace is celebrating its 80th birthday with a Maugham piece of the same age; 1908 was the year of Maugham's hat-trick, with four comedies running in the West End. None of them is likely to make a comeback into the standard repertory, but Wendy Toye's buoyant revival of *Mrs Dot* more than earns its keep as a festive offering.

A courtship merry-go-round, showing a brewery widow taking the Grosvenor Square snobocracy to the cleaners, it begins with a parade of stuffed-shirts that confirms all your worst suspicions of the opportunistic author.

There is an aitch-dropping butler, more status-obsessed than his prodigal young master, who has lumbered himself with an prospective fiancée simply through running out of small talk. As he has also run through his money, he seems to have escaped the match; then he inherits the family title, and the marital trap closes in.

This situation takes lethargic shape through the sub-Wildean banter between young Gerald and his clubland visitors, closely followed by the prospective mother-in-law who sweeps in with a great clatter of would-be Bracknellisms. We are up to the neck in bloodless English class comedy.

This, as it then emerges, is Maugham's target; which he goes on to demolish with the aid of the merry widow.

For reasons wisely left unexamined, she has fallen for the clueless young lord, and sets about reclaiming him while pairing off his wilting fiancée with her compliant secretary.

It is a walkover. Dot has brains, guile, and no inhibitions about pursuing what she wants. Her adversaries are bound hand and foot by the protocol of genteel behaviour and elevated sentiment. The combat takes the form of a series of masquerade intrigues in which spectators are alternately taken into the secret, and then left to work things out for themselves.

More interestingly, the comic centre is divided between Dot, who remains gutsily good natured even when moving in for the kill, and her bachelor crony James, who echoes Maugham's reptilian voice, as in his corrosively sardonic assault on the "gentle sex" which abruptly turns the stage to ice.

Roland Curram plays him as a suave tease, just about on the same wavelength with Janet Dale's Dot, who starts rich and common and goes on to unveil a substantial repertoire of languishing feminine attitudes, before clasping her accomplice round the neck, brandishing a meat cleaver with which she has just destroyed his car.

Watford offers a warm-hearted night out, with just a chill in the air.

DONALD COOPER



Merry widow: Janet Dale as Mrs Dot, taking on the Grosvenor Square snobocracy

# Delighted to meet you

RECITAL

### Sergei Leiferkus
Wigmore Hall

Sergei Leiferkus is that rare creature: a Russian baritone of impeccable and immediately recognizable pedigree who also establishes a quick and intimate rapport with his audience. From the dramatic beckoning of his opening operatic arias, to the painstakingly read translation of his tiny Rachmaninov encore, he took his first British recital audience deep into his confidence.

Britain has had a taste of it already in Leiferkus's performances with the visiting Kirov, with Scottish Opera and even as Escamillo at the Coliseum. Now, he was able to reveal further facets of both the voice and the high intelligence behind it. Arias from operas by Borodin, Tchaikovsky,



Sardonic vein: Sergei Leiferkus

Rimsky Korsakov and Rachmaninov unveiled his finely-honed, resilient baritone with its knife-like articulation and its ringing high register.

The darker and stealthier regions of the voice tinted two more rarely performed arias from Anton Rubenstein's *The Demon*: the slow-moving, sparsely accompanied "I am He", and the ethereal "In the infinite ocean". Not surprisingly, Graham Johnson came into his own in this pair of songs written by the great pianist. Indeed, his partnership throughout the evening was consistently enriching.

After the interval, Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death* penetrated chillingly the very marrow of the imagined visions of each successive victim. After the crescendo of menace in his portrayal of death as military commander, Leiferkus was in his best sardonic vein for Mussorgsky's "Seminarist" with its divine desecration of ecclesiastical latin. With "The Song of the Flea" it was time to lean on the piano lid and, deceptively relaxing both himself and his audience, work on a laugh which seemed to travel through his entire body and leave a triumphant and hollow terror behind it.

**Hilary Finch**

# Boldness reaps rewards

CONCERT

### Moses und Aron
Festival Hall/Radio 3

This was jumping in at the deep end. The South Bank's Schoenberg retrospective began with what is, in every sense, the biggest work of his maturity: not only is *Moses und Aron* the hub of his creative life, it also embodies all the problems of his problematic art.

After all, the importance of the work is generally recognized, and yet more than two decades have passed since it was last staged here. There are reasons for that, of course, in its practical difficulties. It needs a large orchestra, and a chorus who can cope with a lot of challenging music as well as an unbridled orgy.

But, as this performance under Sir John Pritchard demonstrated, it is a piece crying out for the theatre, not least because a concert performance rather too neatly eliminates the central dilemma between knowing and showing, creating a Pyrrhic victory for Moses, who comprehends the truth of God but cannot convey that truth, over Aaron, whose gift is for communication rather than understanding.

However, just to state the subject of the work in those terms is perhaps already to play the part of Aaron: the issues of the piece are too easy to read, made so by Schoenberg-Aaron, to the extent that we may miss the musical substance that Schoenberg-Moses placed behind them. Happily Pritchard reminded us that it is also a score of immense extravagance, density and daring.

There were passages that did not come off in this performance, but there were also many that did, including the thrillingly powerful push towards freedom at the end of the first act, the almost unbearable violin line that comes to comfort, illustrate and mock the closing words of Moses, and much that was heard from the heavy brass, the percussion and the leader, Bela Dekany.

What this performance also showed in exemplary fashion was how the dialectic of thought and word is contained within the opera in the interpenetration of music and speech. The balance of singing and speaking in the complex choral textures was beautifully managed, and one heard clearly how so many of the instrumental rhythms spring out of key phrases. If not accident-free, this was an honourable, excellent night for the BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra.

It was so also for Gunter Reich, whose grey, grave Moses is a classic. Philip Langridge's Aaron has been heard in better form, but he still showed the more plausible brother as a man of equal prophetic stature.

**Paul Griffiths**


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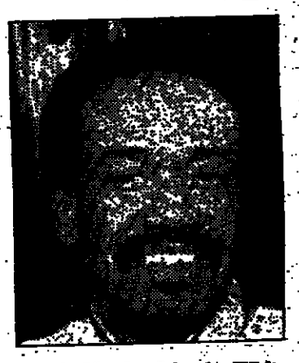

# Old-fashioned precision

ROCK

### Earth, Wind & Fire
Wembley Arena

Maurice White is the kind of leader who chooses to call the break-up of Earth, Wind & Fire in 1984 and its subsequent reformation last year "a hiatus dedicated to personal growth". His band's shows are underpinned by a child-like, mystical vision and the performance at Wembley was stitched loosely together by snatches of a daft voice-over narrative portraying music as an inter-galactic power for good, forever locked in battle with dark forces.

The stage was a greasepaint version of the Planetarium with orbs of varying sizes suspended in the flies. Three of these descended at the start, seemingly to deposit musicians on the stage, while with a bang and a flash, various other members of the band were conjured out of thin air. Before the encore White and two others effected a disappearing trick from the stage, reappearing instantly half-way back in the audience.



Mystical leader: Maurice White

But there was no woolly thinking or wishful pantomime about the music, an infectious combination of soul, jazz, disco and super-funk which was slammed out with superlative precision, energy and *joi de vivre* by the six full-time and six part-time members of the ensemble.

Sonny Emory performed a technically astounding *and* engaging drum solo, Andrew Woolfolk's tenor saxophone soloing was about as exciting and articulate as one is ever likely to hear from a band playing this size of venue, and Philip Bailey's falsetto vocals were so intense (and ultimately overblown) as to take on something of an operatic quality.

With material which was taken from last year's *Touch the World*, along with older songs such as "Let's Groove", "Fantasy" and "After the Love has Gone", they swiftly worked the audience into a lather and reaped a deservedly rousing ovation. But, as one could divine simply by looking at their garish, multi-coloured, spangled, stretch fabric costumes, the group was locked into a mid-Seventies American showband style of presentation, which is old enough to be *passé* in the face of modern acts such as Cameo, but nevertheless is not yet sufficient to elevate them to the status of a nostalgic legend, in the manner of James Brown.

**David Sinclair**

# Still in need of refinement

JAZZ

### Jazz Warriors
Queen Elizabeth Hall

In the three years since they first emerged on the scene, the Jazz Warriors have often appeared on the verge of creating some extraordinary music, forging a new synthesis of Afro-American and black British traditions. If the 20-piece band has occasionally fallen short of its ambitious goals, the reasons have mainly lain in lack of rehearsal time and frequent changes in personnel.

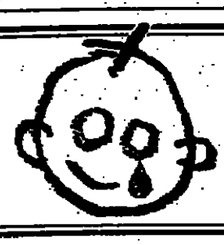
Those problems – as well as straightforward first night nerves – may well have been at the root of a variable performance on the opening date of an extensive Contemporary Music Network tour. During the first half, in particular, valuable time was wasted in a muddle over the order of compositions. And when it came to introducing the band at the close, the singer Cleveland Watkiss even seemed to have difficulty remembering the names of the newer members.

Before the interval the band unveiled new works by Herman Wilson and Harry Beckett, dedicated to Joe Harriott, the Jamaican-born alto pioneer who died in 1973. Though Harriott is best remembered for his experiments with atonalism and Free Jazz, Beckett and Wilson's pieces were more orthodox, reaching back to the music of Harriott's formative years.

With their funereal pace and carefully sketched transitions between the reed and brass sections, "Passing Words" and "Joe – Gone, Man, Gone" are two of the most thoughtful and sophisticated pieces the group has yet tackled. To their credit, the musicians emerged almost unscathed, apart from ragged ensemble work on the brisk "Something Like That".

There was more cohesion in the second half, with familiar material including the strident swing of "Africa", by the trombonist Fayaz Virji. As with "Black Angel", however, its extended choruses exposed the deficiencies of a number of the soloists. Like their counterparts, Loose Tubes, the Warriors would probably be even more effective if they practised a little less democracy and allotted more time to accomplished players such as Courtney Pine and Steve Williamson.

**Clive Davis**



## POEMS *for* Great Ormond Street

### THE BUTTER-PRINT

**Seamus Heaney**

Who carved on the butter-print's round open face
A cross-hatched head of rye, all jags and bristles?
Why should soft butter bear that sharp device
As if its breast were scored with slivered glass?

When I was small I swallowed an awn of rye.
I felt like a standing crop probed by a scythe.
I took its cut and scare far in and deep
Until, when I coughed and coughed and coughed it up,

My breathing came dawn-cold, so clear and sudden
I might have been inhaling airs from heaven
Where healed and martyred Agatha stares down
At the relic knife as I stared at the awn.

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Tomorrow: "The Heart Asks" by Michael Schmidt

# FRIDAY PAGE

## Antonia Fraser puts Mrs Thatcher in the same category as Elizabeth I, reports Victoria McKee

# On the trail of warrior queens

STEPHEN MARKESON



No Boadicea: Lady Antonia Fraser "would like to see women rulers who do not have to be warrior queens"

In the sunny, chintzy drawing room where her left-wing literati think tank meets, Lady Antonia Fraser somewhat surprisingly extols the virtues of Margaret Thatcher as a warrior queen.

Once the wife of a Conservative MP, the late Sir Hugh Fraser, and now married to Harold Pinter, she has just completed a study of the species, *Boadicea's Chariot*. Mrs Thatcher fits the mould perfectly, according to Lady Antonia, but the Queen – even in military uniform – does not. "My definition is women who led in war and also ruled. Which lets out Joan of Arc, too, because she wasn't a ruler.

"All the women I have chosen to concentrate on – Cleopatra, Boadicea, Zenobia of Palmyra, Matilda of Tuscany, the Empress Maud, Queen Tamara of Georgia, Isabella of Spain, Elizabeth I, Queen Jinga of Angola, Queen Louise of Prussia, the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria, Catherine the Great of Russia, the Rani of Jhansi, Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir and Margaret Thatcher – in some way fulfil those criteria. When I started I assumed Queen Christina of Sweden did – because she wore men's clothes – but she melted away in my hands."

Queen Elizabeth II is only the ceremonial head of state, Lady Antonia explains, while as Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher wields the real power and has shown, during the Falklands crisis, that she can lead her country to war – and back.

"Like her or not, you can't deny the lady is successful," she says magnanimously. "I can distinguish between the person and the policies. I mean there's no way I'd vote Conservative in the foreseeable future but I voted for her in 1979, although I had tremendous reservations. I think ultimately I was thrilled with the idea of a woman as Prime Minister."

She likens the position of the warrior queen to the embattled female executive – torn between single-minded ambition and the greedy desire to have husband, home and children, too. "The most successful ones play it two ways: on the one hand I'm the honorary man ('the Better Man syndrome') and may have been the honorary boy ('the Tomboy syndrome') but on the other hand I'm a lovely adorable goddess of a woman who you must respect for my femininity. I don't think any woman ever put on unbecoming warrior's clothes."

Reconciling extremes of masculinity and femininity seems the surest recipe for success: often achieved, she notes, through running down the rest of the female sex to emphasize the warrior queen's uniqueness.

The warrior queen likes to surround herself with men, to emphasize her honorary maleness. To illustrate this point Lady Antonia has chosen a photograph of Mrs Thatcher, resplendent in a gold brocade evening gown which looks like chain mail, surrounded by the dinner-jacketed men of her Cabinet.

It was during her researches for an earlier book, *The Weaker Vessel*, that Lady Antonia first became interested in "the phenomenon of female courage". She noticed that "men really got more excited with a woman leader: it appealed to their chivalry and enabled her to perform with her army feats that a mere man couldn't have led them to".

She sensed an exciting paradox: "Women have been subjugated and felt to be inferior throughout history, and also to be gentle, but when a woman does lead in war, generally for some freakish reason, she does incredibly well and becomes, as it were, a goddess."

She speculates that "perhaps Mrs Thatcher, having established herself as the Iron Lady, now wants to be the goddess as well. There is a softening of the image".

The "appendage syndrome" – being the daughter or wife of some great, dead man – has worked to the advantage of warrior queens from the Empress Maud to Indira Gandhi. It is the reason Corazon Aquino came to power in the Philippines, and Benazir Bhutto may be able to seize it in Pakistan. Lady Antonia is fascinated by Bhutto. "Of course Zia's death, and her being on the brink of power with a new baby all happened since I finished the book – but it rivets me," she says. "Bhutto could well be a warrior queen in the making, and she could be like the Empress Maria Theresa, who held up her child to the troops and said, 'What is going to happen to this child? Help me!' and they all went 'Hooray!' "

**'When a woman does lead in war she generally does incredibly well and becomes a goddess'**

Possibly because of the appendage syndrome, countries in which women walk three steps behind the men have a stronger tradition of female leadership, Lady Antonia observes, than "progressive" nations such as the United States. "It may also have something to do with having goddesses in the culture.

"I think the lack of emergence of a real woman leader in the US, where women have been so strong for so long, is quite fascinating. That may also be due, I suppose, to the cult of the couple: there's hardly a day when you don't hear about the woman – she's really got to be there. A husband is usually a handicap to a woman leader: look at poor Geraldine Ferraro."

Would Lady Antonia secretly enjoy the heady power of being a warrior queen? "Not in the least," she asserts. "I purposely had my photograph taken with peaceful lilies for the bookjacket. I would like to see women rulers who do not have to be warrior queens, particularly as the kind of wars we're likely to have are not the kind that anybody can hope to survive."

In her book she recalls an interview with Geraldine Ferraro, in which the potential vice-president was asked whether she would be strong enough to push the button. Lady Antonia thinks the question should have been whether she'd be strong enough not to.

"As a historian I can only say what people have done. But as a person I would hope that the future will be different, because if warrior queens are always going to drag other women under their chariot wheels there aren't ever going to be very many women leaders."

● Boadicea's Chariot: The Warrior Queens, *by Antonia Fraser, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson on October 13 (£14.95)*

# An animal passion



**BARBARA AMIEL**

This week I was given a copy of *Woman in the Mists*, Farley Mowat's new biography of Dian Fossey, the American naturalist who spent 18 years in Rwanda looking after the mountain gorillas. I was simply not able to put the book down. Yesterday, I slunk out of bed, eyes all squinty and face puffed after reading till 4.30 in the morning.

Fossey had to be a singular woman, of course, and perhaps her obsessive nature and perverse sexuality were the necessary dark side of the moon.

She left America for Africa when she was 31 and spent most of her remaining days in a remote camp on the side of the Virunga mountains. In 1985, she was found murdered, her skull split down to her chin. The murderer is unknown but then Fossey had many enemies. She seems to have had only one moral imperative: the need to sacrifice anything and everything for her gorillas.

She attacked cattle of the impoverished herdsmen who allowed their cows to graze on vegetation necessary for her beloved gorillas. She used black magic to intimidate poachers. She campaigned desperately to keep parkland in a country where the population density made every bamboo shoot and piece of grass precious. The mystery is not who murdered her, but why it was not done sooner.

In her book, *Gorillas in the Mist*, Fossey explained how she communicated with the great apes through "belch vocalizations" and scratching and feeding behaviour. In fact, Fossey belonged to that very rare sort of human being who wishes not only to study another culture and group – common enough – but to break with her own culture and join the other side.

In her case, there was the added difficulty that the other side happened to be another species. But for Fossey, gorillas represented the apex of moral development. They had courage without aggressiveness. They had dignity, intelligence and affectionate natures. There were also very few of them, about 300 to be precise, living on the edge of extinction.

Fossey's work was both moving and instructive. Of course, in spite of the close relationship between the apes and ourselves, human beings are not gorillas and it seems unlikely that we can draw any direct parallels between our behaviour and theirs. Still, I found her work on the sexual behaviour of the animals intriguing.

Gorillas, for example, copulate indiscriminately with one another before sexual maturity, males mounting males and so on, but after oestrus, the females initiate sexual behaviour and invariably choose only the mature leader of the pack. In a sense it's a Daddy Longlegs syndrome, where the young Audrey Hepburn is drawn to the older, more dominant Fred Astaire.

As well, the females take a grooming and nurturing role instinctively. Even if the females of a group are killed, leaving the males to rear the young, they cannot carry the babies dorsally and will not groom them. Now, gorillas have not been culturally conditioned by Christmas gifts of little dolls and Meccano sets for the boys. Their behaviour does seem to suggest innate tendencies. Translating this into our times it says, I think, that the image of a caring female and protective father may be culturally reinforced but this is not the same as culturally induced.

But what of Fossey herself? For this one has to turn to Mowat's biography. She seems to have had an element of calculated promiscuity, choosing her lovers (like Professor Louis Leakey) for professional advancement. Most people have an element of this in them, even if it's as subconscious as choosing someone who is simply "nice" to them, but isn't the moral key how you treat a useful lover after the affair is over?

In that sphere Fossey does badly. At the same time, passion could be aroused in her only by negative responses. She seemed to suffer from a psycho-sexual personality that responded largely to indifference, anger or pain. In the end, "habituating" a gorilla to respond to her smell and touch was a more satisfying emotional achievement than human relationships.

But her greatest flaw – in an extraordinary life – was her intolerance. Her stubborn tastes and opinions would brook no other point of view. She equated her own ambitions with the moral order itself. If her vision of gorillas demanded that some people remain in a palaeolithic stage of development, well so be it. Seeing legitimacy in no other idea of conservation but her own, she parted ways with many fellow conservationists.

The point, as other commentators have written, was not whether she was right or wrong but that she was unable to accept the notion that her ideas may not be the only correct ones.

She died at 53 years of age and was buried on the mountain slopes next to the graves of the gorillas she so loved. I think it may be concluded that they, too, loved this strange American woman crouching on all fours next to them and thumping her chest. As much as another species can.

# Sharper focus on women in a man's world

## Women have played their part over the years, but would men get a TV series?

**Among themselves, men will sometimes complain that their gender is rarely discussed in the way that a woman's is. You will not hear a man curse God for imposing exclusively on his sex the daily hazard of shaving – or campaign for razors to be exempt from VAT. Why are women fascinated by the accident of their chromosomes? The bars should echo to such stuff on Sunday night after the first of BBC2's eight-part series, *Out of the Doll's House*, on the story of women in this century. *No one would ever think about making a documentary on men, would they?***

Angela Holdsworth, the series' executive producer, replies that, on the contrary, it was while making one of them, a documentary about work, that she got the idea for this series. "I found it was extraordinarily difficult putting women into the programmes because they just weren't part of industrial life. I remember giving a silent cheer when it came to the wars when you would get the occasional woman in a shipyard."

A shipyard provides the best moment in one of the series' strongest programmes, *A Suitable Job for a Woman*, which tells how equal rights legislation allowed women to compete for men's jobs. In 1941, with the men at war, a Dundee weaver called Bella Keyzer was sent to the local shipyard to train as a welder. Afterwards, like women all over the nation, she was sacked and her job given to a returning warrior. It was not until the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act made it illegal to refuse a job to an applicant on the grounds of sex that she was allowed to return.



Holdsworth: silent cheer

Holdsworth, who paid "only lip-service" to the women's movement until the series, has written a book based on it, *Out of the Doll's House* (BBC Books, £6.95).

The only time that Holdsworth felt that her sex was being used against her was in 1976 when, about to marry the barrister David Nenberger, she applied for three plum jobs, all of which were given to men. She was told that it was thought she would not really mind since she had lots of other things to think about.

She insists that any holding back since then has been on her side and not the BBC's. "With three children I find it easier to stay making documentaries than becoming an executive."

Holdsworth employed an almost exclusively female production team for *Out of the Doll's House*. She says they enjoyed each other's company and may have worked more efficiently for the absence of men.

BBC gossip is that there were some fearful, tearful rows (but then, it is not unknown for men to be at one another's throats by the end of a long shoot).

In the programme on sex, her interviewers prised secrets from women that may have eluded men. Disappointingly, however, the series betrays no other hint of having been made by women and no variation on the standard BBC documentary.

As such they exhibit both the genre's virtues – clarity and scholarship lightly worn – and its usual vice, namely a disinterested authority that can border on the bland.

**Andrew Billen**

● Out of the Doll's House *will be shown on BBC2 on Sunday at 8.35pm.*


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## THEATRE

### LONDON

☆ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** Tom Wilkinson with Connie Booth in Arthur Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's witch-hunt drama.
*Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE2* (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews until Oct 12 7.30pm, press night Oct 13, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm. £7.50.

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
*Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1* (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm mats Wed, Sat 3-5.30pm. £4-£15. (D)

☆ **BUDGIE:** Adam Faith with Anita Dobson in musical based on his popular TV persona, a lovable rogue in 1960s Soho.
*Cambridge Theatre, Earlham St, WC2* (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Previews until Oct 17 7.45-10pm, opens night Oct 18, 7-9.15pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Previews £4-£16. From Oct 18, £8-£20 except Wed mats, £4-£10.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
*Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆ **HEDDA GABLER:** Lindsay Duncan as Ibsen's trapped and tormented heroine, with Clive Francis and Alex Norton in a version by Trevor Nunn.
*Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3* (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Previews until Oct 13, 8pm. Opens Oct 14, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £8.50, Sat eve £7.50.

☆ **HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES:** Light, early Ayckbourn, comedy of social embarrassment. A Greenwich Theatre Production.
*Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2* (01-836 5122), Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mat Sat 5pm, £5.50-£16.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
*Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat. 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **NATIVE AMERICAN:** Manning Redwood in new Constance Congdon play exploring the poverty of the American Dream out there on the prairies.
*Lyric Studio Theatre, King St, W6* (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. £6.

★ **RE: JOYCE:** Maureen Lipman reincarnates Joyce Grenfell in monologue and song with Denis King at the piano.
*Fortune Theatre, (01-836 2238), Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mat Sat 5pm, 4.50-£15.50.*

**LONG RUNNERS:** ☆ **And Then There Were None:** *Strand Theatre (01-405 0072)...* ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** *Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)...* ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ☆ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

### OUT OF TOWN

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE:** ☆ **Ear Nose and Throat:** Georgina Hale, Miriam Karlin and David Yip in Sue Townsend's new hospital comedy: patients, pickets and Xmas pud. A Good Company/Tyne Theatre co-production.
*Tyne Theatre, Westgate Road* (091 232 0899). Previews this week Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50. From Oct 12, Mon-Thurs £4-£6.50, Fri and Sat £5-£7.50.

**SHEFFIELD:** ☆ **The Marriage of Figaro:** Jim Findley and Myriam Cyr as Figaro and Suzanne in William Gaskill's production of his own version of the Beaumarchais original.
*Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street* (0742 769922). Mon-Fri 7.30, Sat 8pm, £5-£6.50.

## FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

**AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG):** Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young non-professional cast (107 min).
*Curzon Mayfair* (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

**BUSTER (15):** Singer Phil Collins makes his cinema début in a film surveying the life and loves of Buster Edwards of Great Train Robbery fame (102 min).
*Odeon Leicester Square* (01-930 6111). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis. (116 min).
☎ *Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
*Cannon Oxford Street* (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 5.15, 8.20.
*Plaza 2* (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

**DROWNING BY NUMBERS (18):** Three generations of women, all called Cissie Colpitts, become involved with a coroner, who knows about the deaths of their husbands in deep water (118 min).
*Gate* (01-727 4043). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45.
☎ *Lumiere* (01-836 0691). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

■ **FRANTIC (15):** Roman Polanski's latest film — a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford.
*Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).* Progs 2.00, 6.30, 9.15.
*Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148).* Progs 2.25, 5.10, 8.00.
*Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772).* Progs 3.45, 6.30, 8.45.
☎ *Warner West End* (01-439 0791). Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35.

**GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):** Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
*Cannon Chelsea* (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.
*Cannon Haymarket* (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
*Cannon Oxford Street* (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
*Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705).* Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.20.
*Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644).* Progs 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.
*Odeon Swiss Cottage* (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
*Screen on the Green* (01-226 3520). Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.35.
*Warner West End* (01-439 0791). Progs 12.456, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

**THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST (18):** Martin Scorsese's long, controversial, stylistically jumbled version of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel. With Willem Dafoe as an anguished Jesus battling between the flesh and the spirit, Harvey Keitel as Judas, and Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene (163 min).
*Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
*Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue* (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 4.00, 7.30.
*Plaza* (01-437 1234). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.45.

**MASQUERADE (18):** A film of love and crime starring Rob Lowe, Meg Tilly and Kim Cattrall (91 min).
*Cannon Chelsea* (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.25, 7.05, 9.40.
*Cannon Haymarket* (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
*Cannon Oxford Street* (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.

**MIDNIGHT RUN (15):** Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
*Cannon Baker Street* (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05.
*Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.15, 9.15.
*Empire Leicester Square* (01-200 0200) Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.15, 11.55.

■ **POLTERGEIST III (15):** Routine reworking of familiar situations, with the late Heather O'Rourke experiencing more poltergeist trouble in a Chicago high rise. Directed by Gary Sherman (97 min).
*Cannon Panton Street* (01-930 0613). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25, 10.05.

■ **THE RUNNING MAN (18):** Shallow futuristic thriller, with Arnold Schwarznegger as an escaped prisoner forced to appear on a gladiatorial TV game show. Directed by Paul Michael Glazer (101 min).
*Odeon Kensington* (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
*Odeon Marble Arch* (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.
*Odeon West End* (01-930 6111). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

**A WORLD APART (PG):** Apartheid through the eyes of a thirteen-year-old girl (Jodhi May), as her mother is arrested and imprisoned under the 90 day detention act (112 min).
*Curzon West End* (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.



Old and new: The new Hollies (left to right) Ray Stiles, Alan Coates and Denis Haine forming part of the new line-up with three members of the original quintet; Bobby Elliott, Allan Clarke and Tony Hicks (seated)

# Decking the halls

**If tickets to see the Hollies (above) during their two-month British tour are hard to come by, bear in mind that when the dates were being set up, the group had not had a hit since "The Air That I Breathe" in 1974. That has all changed, thanks to a beer commercial, and "He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother" recently reached No 1 — only the second such success in the group's 25 year history (the other was "I'm Alive" in 1965). Perhaps now the band will feel less inclined to behave like an ageing saloon bar act and cut out some of the embarrassing, end-of-the-pier wisecracks which have marred their otherwise sound performances in recent times. Of the original quintet, Allan Clarke (vocals), Tony Hicks (guitar) and Bobby Elliott (drums) remain, and with the aid of three newer members they recreate the soaring close harmonies and elegantly constructed melodies that earned them more British hit singles between 1963 and 1970 than any other group but the Beatles. The Hollies' British tour starts tonight at Harrogate Centre, Kings Road (0423 64433) 8pm, £7-£8; tomorrow, Guildhall, Preston (0772 58858); Sunday, Derngate, Northampton (0604 24811); Thursday, White Rock Theatre, Hastings (0424 722755) and continues until December 10. On Saturday, November 26 and Monday, November 28, they appear at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212).**
*David Sinclair*

## TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

**LONDON:**

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| 1 | (–) | Good Morning, Vietnam |
| 2 | (1) | Buster |
| 3 | (2) | The Running Man |
| 4 | (3) | Frantic |
| 5 | (5) | Coming To America |
| 6 | (4) | The Last Temptation of Christ |
| 7 | (6) | Poltergeist III |
| 8 | (8) | Drowning by Numbers |
| 9 | (9) | A World Apart |
| 10 | (–) | Masquerade |

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**OUTSIDE LONDON:**

1 The Running Man
2 Poltergeist III
3 Frantic
4 Beetlejuice
5 Big Business

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**UNITED STATES:**

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| 1 | (–) | Gorillas in the Mist |
| 2 | (–) | Heartbreak |
| 3 | (2) | A Fish Called Wanda |
| 4 | (1) | Dead Ringers |
| 5 | (3) | Die Hard |
| 6 | (–) | Crossing Delancey |
| 7 | (–) | Elvira, Mistress of the Dark |
| 8 | (5) | Cocktail |
| 9 | (4) | Who Framed Roger Rabbit |
| 10 | (7) | Young Guns |

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**VIDEO RENTALS:**

1 Witches of Eastwick
2 Spaceballs
3 Hope and Glory
4 Dragnet
5 Heat

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## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 24*

**BAVIECA**
(c) El Cid's horse; he survived his master by 2½ years, during which time no one was allowed to mount him; he was buried before the gate at Valencia and two elms were planted to mark the grave.

**HODGE**
(b) Johnson's cat; Sam always bought Hodge's oysters himself in case the servants, being put to that trouble on a cat's behalf, might take against the poor creature: "Why, yes, Sir, but I have had cats whom I liked better than this." Then, seeing Hodge out of countenance: "But he is a very fine cat, a very fine cat indeed."

**INCITATUS**
(a) Literally "spurred on", the loopy Emperor Caligula's horse, which he made priest and consul. It had an ivory manger, and drank wine from a golden pail. A cliché for tired old political hacks: "The most remarkable appointment since Caligula made his horse a consul."

**DIAMOND**
(c) Sir Isaac Newton's little lapdog Diamond; on a winter's morning it upset a candle on its master's desk, causing the records of experiments for many years to go up in flames. Newton exclaimed: "Oh, Diamond, Diamond, thou little knowest the mischief thou hast done", and at once set to work to repair the loss.

## ROCK

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** The post-punk trio from Bradford. With producer Tom Dowd (Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin) they seem to have got bogged down with the recording of their fourth album.
*Leeds Polytechnic, Woodhouse Lane* (0532 430171) 8pm, £5.

☆ **THE PROCLAIMERS:** The Sprecky twins from Auchtermuchty now rocking out with an electric band in tow.
*South Lakeland Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal* (0539 29511) 7.30pm, £5.50.

## JAZZ

☆ **SOUTHAMPTON JAZZ FESTIVAL:** The 10-day season opens with a performance by Keith Tippett's Ovary Lodge, featuring his wife Julie Tippett.
*Solent Suite, Guildhall, Southampton* (info 0703 555028/229319) 8pm, £4.

☆ **LILLIAN BOUTTE:** New Orleans nostalgia from the "One Mo' Time" singer.
*Burnley Mechanics, Manchester Road, Burnley* (0282 30055) 8pm, £3.

☆ **BETTY CARTER:** Penultimate night from the vocalist, still in effusive form, with another of her brilliant young trios.
*Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1* (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £6).

## DANCE

☆ **DAY AND NIGHT:** A new work by the Dutch group Dansproduktie.
*The Place, Dukes Rd, London WC1* (01-387 0031), 8-9.30pm, £5.

☆ **DANCING AND SHOUTING:** Ian Spinks new work for second stride.
*Towngate Theatre, Pagel Mead, Basildon,* (0268 532632), 8-10pm, £4.50-£5.50.

## GALLERIES

**TRAVELS IN ITALY 1776-1783:** Watercolours by Thomas Jones (1742-1803) illustrating his Grand Tour memoirs.
*Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester* (061 273 4865). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 10.

**HEINZ-DIETER PIETZSCH:** Delicate works made coloured paper pulp.
**MALI MORRIS:** Recent abstract paintings.
*Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, 17-18 Great Sutton St, London EC1* (01-250 1962), Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until Nov 6.

**PACESETTERS:** Works by six fine young figurative painters, including Wendy Hodge and Jonathan Waller.
*Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate* (0733 43329), Tues-Fri noon-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Oct 22.

**PRINTS AND DRAWINGS OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC:** Mainly satirical images of inter-war German society by Grosz, Dix and others.

## CONCERTS

☆ **CONTINUING RELUCTANCE:** The "Reluctant Revolutionary" series continues with James Blair conducting the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra on Schoenberg's Four Songs Op 22 with Jean Rigby (soprano) and Mahler's lengthy Symphony No 6.
*Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1* (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **PORTUGUESE SALONS:** A Leading Portuguese soprano, Helen Viera continues the "Portugal 600" series by singing salon music from nineteenth-century Lisbon. Her accompanist is Joao Paulo Santos, who also plays piano works by Bomtempo.
*Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1* (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **TWISTIFICATION:** The Scottish National Orchestra is conducted by Ayrshire-born Bryden Thomson in Andrew Vores's *Twistification*, the 1987 Ian Whyte Award commission. It is followed by Nielsen's Symphony No 5 and Brahms's Piano concerto No 1 in which the soloist is Barry Douglas.
*Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh* (031-228 1155, cc 031-228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.70-£11.50.

☆ **LONDON BACH:** Nicholas Kraemer conducts the London Bach Orchestra in Bach's Suite NO 4, Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks and various concertos by Vivaldi.
*Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1* (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £6-£10.

## OPERA

☆ *COUNT ORY:* Kent Opera's boisterously comic production, now on tour, with Neil Jenkins in the title role.
*Theatre Royal, Norwich* (0603 628205). 7.15-10pm, £6-£16.

☆ **LA BOHEME:** revival of David Freeman's controversial production for Opera North, now with Joan Rodgers as Mimi and Diego Masson conducting.
*Grand Theatre, Leeds* (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £4-£18.75.



**Aristide Maillol's 1937 woodcut of Daphnis and Chloe (above) forms part of a new exhibition at the British Library (see Other Events). Few love stories have proved such a rich source of artistic expression as that of Daphnis and Chloe — the young Greek lovers immortalized by Longus in third century AD. Great painters and composers have been inspired by the legend which has also, over the centuries, resulted in some superbly printed and illustrated books. Some 50 of these from 15th century Florentine incunabula to 20th century Penguin, can be seen from today at the exhibition starting today.**

**Leeds City Art Gallery,** The Headrow (0532 462495). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Oct 23.

## WALKS

**LAWYERS LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY:** meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

**THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE:** meet Blackfriars tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Fri).

**TREASURES AND TRIVIA OF MAYFAIR AND ST JAMES'S:** meet Green Park tube, 11am, £3.

## OTHER EVENTS

**DAPHNIS AND CHLOE: LOVE LITERATURE AND ART THROUGH THE AGES:** See caption.
*The British Library, Great Russell St, London WC1* (info: 01-323 7585). Until Jan 9, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Free.

**CHRISTIE'S COUNTRY HOUSE SALE:** Opportunity to preview the manner house and contents — furniture, pictures, porcelain, silver, books, clocks, objets d'art and carpets — all of which come up for auction next Monday.
*Hawling Manner, Hawling, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.* Today, tomorrow, Sun 10am-5pm. Admission by catalogue £8. (Info: 01-581 7611).

**21ST SURREY ANTIQUES FAIR:** Bishop Kenneth Evans, the retired bishop of Dorking, opens the fair at which 45 exhibitors sell paintings, furniture, clocks, pottery and other collectable items.
*The Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey.* Until Oct 13. Tonight 7-9.30pm, Thereafter 11am-8pm, (11am-6pm on Sun and the final day). Admission tonight £4, then £2.

**HARLAXTON ANTIQUES FAIR:** 87 dealers from Lincolnshire and neighbouring counties. Selling a comprehensive range of 17th, 18th and 19th century antiques. Refreshments available.
*Harlaxton Manner, Grantham, Lincolnshire.* Today 1-8pm, tomorrow 11am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Admission £1.50.

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

**SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET:** Christmas season includes Bintley's The Snow Queen, London premiere of Lynn Seymour's Bestiol, Fokine's Petrushka, Bintley's Choros, Giselle, and revivals of Balanchine's Concerto Barocco and Cauley's Lazarus. Also Cranko's Pineapple Poll Dec 13-31.
*Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1* (01-278 8916) Personal and phone booking from today.

**NATIONAL FILM THEATRE:** Oct/Nov programme includes second United Artists season, recent fantasy films for Halloween, and Magyar Hungarian films. Also Part Two of Eisenstein series, recent BFI productions and Part Four of Australian bicentennial celebration.
*National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1* (01-928 3232).

**SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:** 88/9 season includes world premiere of Peter Maxwell Davies's Strathclyde Concerto No 2, new works by Harrison Birtwistle and Robert Saxton, and Elliott Carter 80th birthday concert in presence of composer. Oct-May. Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Ayr, St Andrews.
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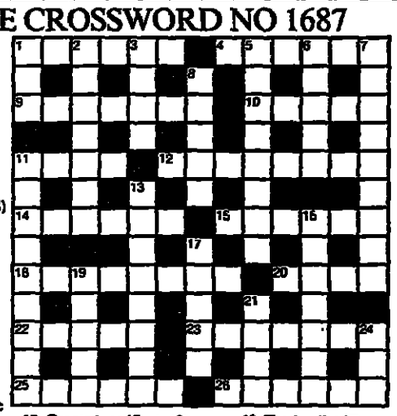
**ZULUS:** Powerful portrayal of Zulu people and their struggle to maintain a national pride and identity. Ends Sun.
*Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St, London W8* (01-603 4535).

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*Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool* (051 207 0001).

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*Burghley House, Stamford* (0780 52451).

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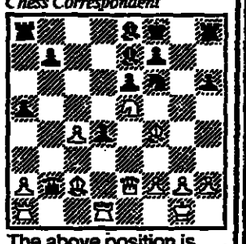
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## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



The above position is taken from the game between Cvetkovic (White) and Molerovic (Black) played in 1951 in Yugoslavia. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

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Soloists: Nancy Maguire, Stephen Jones
Beethoven - "Symphony No. 2"

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COLISEUM 8 836 3161 cc 240 8258, ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tue 7.30 La Traviata, Tomor 7.30 The Barber of Seville.

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# TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Jane Rackham and Roland White

## BBC1

**6.00** Ceefax.
**6.40** Edgar Kennedy in *Two for the Money* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
**7.00** Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman in London and John Stapleton reporting on the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. Regional news and weather at **8.55**.
**9.00** News and weather, followed by Miniature Worlds which examines some of the outsiders to be found inside our homes. Written and narrated by Peter France (Ceefax) (r). **9.15** Wild Flower. Michael Jordan takes a look at water lilies and reveals the secrets of their success (Ceefax) (r).
**9.35** Labour Party Conference. Sir Robin Day, David Dimbleby and Vivian White are the commentators on the closing session of the 1988 Labour Party Conference. Includes News and weather at **10.00**.
**10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane, starts with Play School presented by Carol Chell, Lloyd Johnston and John Agard (r). **10.50** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven with Jancis Harvey.
**11.00** News and weather, followed by Labour Party Conference. Further coverage from Blackpool. Includes News and weather at **12.00**.
**12.30** Favourite Walks. Architect David Young takes his labrador, William, for a walk through the north Devon countryside (r).
**12.55** Regional News and Weather.
**1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.
**1.30** Neighbours. The inhabitants of Ramsay Street consider Charlene's money-spinner to be a major flop.
**1.50** Film: The Halls of Montezuma (1950). Richard Widmark, Karl Malden, Jack Palance, Robert Wagner and Richard Boone in a Second World War yarn about a company of US Marines fighting the Japanese in the South Pacific. Lewis Milestone directs.
**3.40** Cartoon.
**3.50** Connect. Why do golf balls have dimples? How do synthesizers work? Young people's questions answered by Stephen Johnson and Sophie Aldred. **4.05** Ewoks. **4.30** The Satellite Show. Comedy, drama and pop including Sinitta's newest video.
**5.00** Newsround. **5.05** Grange Hill. Episode eight (Ceefax).
**5.30** Neighbours (r).
**6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
**6.35** Regional news magazines.
**7.00** Wogan. Terry's guest tonight is Joan Collins, star of *Dynasty*, who has recently turned her hand to writing a novel about appearing in a prime time television series.
**7.40** Blankety Blank. On tonight's celebrity panel are Floella Benjamin, Nerys Hughes, Ellis Laine, Chris Serle, Paul Shane and Roy Walker (Ceefax).
**8.15** Twenty-two Years of the Two Ronnies. Archive footage of Messrs Corbett and Barker, including their musical finale featuring the Mounties (Ceefax).
**9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional News and weather.
**9.30** Casualty. Ewart has managed to save his observation ward from being turned into a day nursery but he is immediately faced with another stressful problem (Ceefax).
**10.30** Omnibus. (see Choice).
**11.20** Film: The Reivers (1969). Steve McQueen stars in this adventure based on the William Faulkner novel about adolescent hi-jinks in turn-of-the-century Mississippi. Directed by Mark Rydell.
**1.05** Weather. Ends **1.10am.**

## BBC2

**6.55** Open University: Science, the Search for the W and the Z. Ends **7.20. 9.00** Ceefax.
**9.20** Daytime on Two: Encounter: Austria **9.45** Scotland This Century **10.05** Look and Read **10.25** Around Scotland **10.45** Storytime **11.03** Into Music **11.25** Wondermaths **11.40** let's See **12.00** Job Bank **12.20** English File **12.58** Scene
**1.25** Mop and Smiff (r). **1.40** Walrus (r). **2.00** News and weather, followed by You and Me (r).
**2.15** Racing and Golf. Julian Wilson introduces the **2.30, 3.05, 3.40** and **4.15** races from Ascot. Plus coverage of the Suntory World Matchplay. With news and weather at **2.55** and **3.50.**
**6.00** Film: Laurel and Hardy in Swiss Miss (1938, b/w). Comedy classic with Stan and Ollie in an Alpine setting. Directed by John G Blystone.
**7.10** The Phil Silvers Show (b/w). Ritzik's culinary experiments are getting too much for Bilko (r).
**7.35** Wildlife on Two. David Attenborough follows a red-tailed hawk from its birth, through its migration to the Caribbean and its return to the snowy north (r).
**8.00** The Friday Report. Michael Dalahaye talks to MPs Bernie Grant (Labour) and Hugo Summerson (Conservative) about their first year in Parliament.
**8.30** Gardeners' World includes an item on the control of slugs.
**9.00** A Gentleman's Club. Comedy starring William Gaunt, Richard Vernon, Jill Meager and Robert Lang.
**9.30** Protecting the Children. First programme in a series following an NSPCC Child Protection team as they investigate cases of abuse and neglect.
**10.30** Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
**11.15** Weatherview.
**11.20** International Golf. Highlights from Wentworth in Surrey.
**12.00** Film: Blow to the Heart (1982). Gianni Amelio directs this Italian drama about urban terrorism and the problems a 15-year-old boy has coping with his father's liberal attitudes. With Jean-Louis Trintignant and Fausto Rossi. Subtitles.

## ITV: LONDON

**9.00** TV-am starts with The Morning Programme presented by Richard Keys. **7.00** Good Morning Britain with Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. **9.00** After Nine with Jayne Irving includes Russell Grant's astrological predictions.
**9.25** Runway. Travel and general knowledge quiz. **9.55** Thames News and weather.
**10.00** The Time . . . The Place. A studio discussion on the extent to which women are held responsible if they are raped.
**10.40** This Morning includes a report on the financial problems women face, and an examination of some popular crafts. Includes News Headlines at **10.55** and Thames News at **11.55, 12.10** Rainbow (r).
**12.30** Santa Barbara. Glamorous drama serial set in California.
**1.00** News at One with Jon Snow.
**1.20** Thames News and weather.
**1.30** Casting Off. First episode of a four-part series that takes a light-hearted look at starting up a co-operative business.
**2.00** The BE: Omnibus edition (r).
**2.25** Home Cookery Club. Steam cookery.
**2.50** Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish highlands.
**3.25** Thames News and weather.
**3.30** Sons and Daughters. Wayne has a surprise when he meets the mansion's new mansion.
**4.00** Scooby Doo. **4.10** Crush a Grape. **4.45** Freeslme goes horse riding in Berkshire.
**5.15** Blockbusters.
**5.45** ITN News with Alastair Stewart.
**6.00** LWT News. **6.15** Friday Now. New magazine show includes reports on an epidemic of dog attacks on young children and the implementation of anti-smoking laws on the tube; plus a survey of people's opinions of London, following the rape of a 14-year-old girl from Durham.
**7.00** Family Fortunes. Game show.
**7.30** Me & My Girl. Comedy series starring Richard O'Sullivan and Tim Brooke-Taylor. A small disagreement between Simon and Derek could mean the end of their partnership.
**8.00** Beauty and the Beast. Catherine (Linda Hamilton) and "the beast" (Ron Perlman) try to expose an unscrupulous land developer who plans to drive elderly tenants from their homes.
**9.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries. (Oracle). Final episode of the crime thriller starring George Baker. Will Detective Inspector Wexford be able to stop Hathall skipping the country?
**10.00** News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart.
**10.30** LWT News and weather.
**10.35** The London Programme investigates several cases where children have been paralysed apparently as a result of playing in the sea at Southend, where some insist that the EEC guidelines on sewage have been consistently broken.
**11.05** Film: Q — The Winged Serpent (1982). A New York cop investigating a series of gruesome sacrificial murders begins to link them with reports of a pterodactyl monster who has taken up residence in the Chrysler Building. Starring David Carradine and Michael Moriarty. Directed by Larry Cohen.
**1.00** News Headlines followed by Night Network which includes reviews of the films *Good Morning Vietnam* (starring Robin Williams) and *Running Man* (Arnold Schwarzenegger); plus interviews with the racing driver Damon Hill (son of former motor racing star Graham Hill), and with Pete Waterman of the hit-making team Stock, Aitken and Waterman; and musical chat from Duran Duran's John Taylor.
**2.00** News Headlines followed by Baseball 88.
**5.00** ITN Morning News with Gavin Scott. Ends **6.00am.**

## CHANNEL 4

**9.30** Schools.
**12.00** Sesame Street.
**12.30** Business Daily. Financial and business news service.
**1.00** On Course with Anna Ford.
**2.00** Film: Journey's End (1930, b/w). Based on R.C. Sherriff's pacifist play about life in the trenches during the First World War. James Whale directs.
**4.15** Man and his World. Italian animated film.
**4.30** Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game.
**5.00** Scarecrow and Mrs King. When Amanda takes a mysterious drug intended for Lee, it has startling results. With Kate Jackson and Bruce Boxleitner.
**6.00** Mr Ed (b/w). Vintage comedy featuring a talking horse.
**6.30** Ice Skating. Nick Owen with a round-up of the final day's action at Richmond Ice Rink.
**7.00** Channel 4 News and weather.
**7.55** Book Choice. George Melly reviews Hugh David's *The Fitzrovians*, a portrait of Bohemian society between 1900 and 1955 (Oracle).
**8.00** The Benn Diaries (see Choice).
**9.00** The Golden Girls. American comedy series (Oracle).
**9.30** Village Show. Ursula Buchan visits Southport for their annual flower show (Oracle).
**10.00** Whose Line is it Anyway. Participating in tonight's comedy improvisation programme are Peter Cook, Stephen Fry and Josie Lawrence.
**10.30** The Last Resort. Jonathan Ross is joined by Melvyn Bragg and Ian Hislop, as well as a man who grows massive vegetables and a man who can talk backwards. With music from Julian Cope.
**11.20** Halfway to Paradise. New late night show from Glasgow features Deacon Blue, the Proclaimers, the Penny Daintees and Chicago soul singer Willie Clayton.
**12.20** Film: The Gorilla (1939, b/w). Comedy thriller with the Ritz Brothers trying to trap an elusive killer. Allan Dwan directs.
**1.35** Film: A Face at the Window (1939, b/w). Horror melodrama set in 19th-century Paris and starring Tod Slaughter. George King directs. Ends **2.45am.**

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES: 5.20pm-7.00 Wales Today **1.05am-1.10** News of Wales Headlines and Close; SCOTLAND: 10.55am-11.00 Dotsman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland; NORTHERN IRELAND: Ulster Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update; ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional News Magazines

**BBC2** WALES: **5.05pm-5.30** Sheepdog Trials; SCOTLAND: **5.00pm-5.30** Brag; NORTHERN IRELAND: **10.25am-10.45** Ceefax **5.05pm-5.30** The View from the Castle; ENGLAND: **5.00pm-5.30** London: This Friday Report: East Midlands: Inside Story; North West; Lovat Road; South: Gateway to the World; South West: Big Water, Rough Ride; West: West on Two.

**ANGLIA** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-2.05** Country Practice **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.35** Anglia Live **11.20** Film: Deliver Us From Evil **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

**BORDER** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25** Charlie's Angels **3.20-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Island of Dreams **11.05** Film: Barefoot in the Park **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**CENTRAL** As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Central Point **10.35** Central Weekend **12.05am** Kojak **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Film: No Place to Hide **3.50-5.00** Live 'n' Loud.

**CHANNEL** As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Country Practice **1.30** News **1.35** Heirloom **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Take Time Out **10.35** Hunter **11.30** Police Squad **12.05** POV **1.00am** UFO **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.30-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Film: Case of Charles Peace **3.00-3.30** Gardening Time **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.30** Worlds Beyond **11.05** Barefoot in the Park **1.05am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**GRANADA** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Week in View **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** North West Connections **10.35** Who's the Boss? **11.05** Film: Barefoot in the Park **1.05am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**HTV WEST** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30-3.00** Film: Broken Journey **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Your Say **10.35** Exmoor Village **11.05** Blues This House **11.35** Kojak **12.30am** Film: Very Missing Person **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Wales This Week **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six **10.35-11.35** Last Night of the Welsh Proms.

**SCOTTISH** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Film: Disaster in the Sky **3.10-3.30** Flora and Fauna **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** WKRP in Cincinnati **11.05** Film: Tony Rome **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**TSW** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Film: Lassen in Lovlng **2.50-3.00** Out of Limits **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Friday People **10.35** Married With Children **11.00** Film: Barefoot in the Park **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**TVS** As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Country Practice **1.30** News **1.35** Heirloom **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.35** Hunter **11.30** Police Squad **12.00** POV **1.05am** UFO **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

**TYNE TEES** As London except:1.20pm News **1.30** Survival of the Fittest **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Festival **11.35** Film: The Uncanny **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**ULSTER** As London except:1.30pm News **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsreel **10.35** Witness **10.40** Skating **11.30** Sledge Hammer **12.00** V **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: 36 Hours **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Living it Up **10.35** Film: Panic on the 5.22 **12.00** Kojak **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

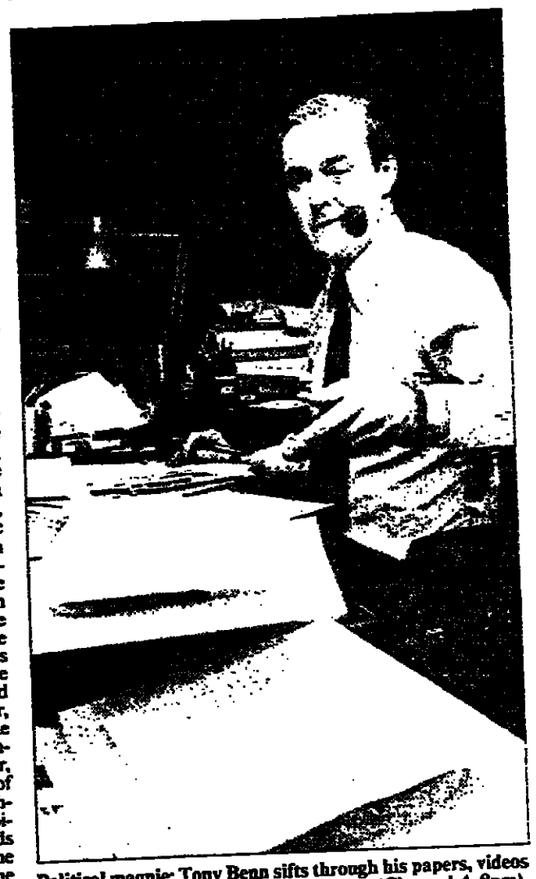
**S4C** Starts:9.30am Schools **12.00** Interval **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Lon Goch **1.00** Open College **2.00** Fifteen to One **2.30** Film: Three Coins in the Fountain" **4.30** Mork and Mindy **5.00** Ice Skating **5.30** Cartoon Capers **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Anturiaethau Wynff a Phwmsan **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Amser Chwarae **7.30** Rosalind a Myrddin **8.00** Galwch Acw **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.45** Masterworks **10.00** Golden Girls **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Halfway to Paradise **12.20am** Film: The Gorilla" **1.35** Film: Face at the Window" **2.45** Closedown.

**RTE 1** Starts:2.05pm The Brothers **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Sons and Daughters **4.30** Lillie **5.30** Self-Help **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Play the Game **7.30** Silent Epidemic **8.00** Chins Beach **9.00** News **9.30** Late Late Show **11.30** News **11.35** Film: The Liberation of LB Jones **1.25am** Closedown.

**RTE 2** Starts:2.30pm Bosco **3.00** Robin and Rose **3.20** Bernstein Bears **3.50** Trouble with T Bag **4.05** Muppet Babies **4.45** Ten Minute Tales **5.00** Newsline **5.25** Danger Bay **6.00** Coal Princess **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Cursas **7.20** Nauchit **7.30** What's My Line **8.00** Shadow in a Landscape **9.00** Good Life **9.30** Film: The Story of Adele H **11.05** Avengers **12.05am** Closedown.

# Diary of a somebody

**TELEVISION CHOICE**



Political magpie: Tony Benn sifts through his papers, videos and other memoirs for *The Benn Diaries* (Channel 4, 8pm)

● Inheriting the magpie instinct of his father, Tony Benn has for the past quarter of a century assembled a comprehensive archive of his political career. Hardly a word he has uttered, or had uttered to him, has not been entered into the record. The archive contains videos, film, audio cassettes and transcripts of meetings, speeches and conversations. At the centre of it all is a daily political diary, now being published in four-yearly instalments. In The Benn Diaries (Channel 4, 8.00pm) he draws on this huge mass of material to mount a characteristically trenchant, and often witty, attack on the shortcomings of the British system of politics and government. For anyone having the slightest acquaintance with Benn's public utterances the targets will be familiar — the House of Lords, the honours list, government secrecy, the nuclear programme and American bases. Familiar, too, is his contention that the modern British prime minister is virtually a dictator, able to take decisions of enormous importance without consulting either the Cabinet or Parliament. What adds spice to these arguments is the chapter and verse from the Benn archive, recalling a chat about constitutional proprieties with the Queen, how the civil service kept Hugh Scanlon off the board of British Gas, and an up and downer with Prime Minister James Callaghan. The programme is interspersed with the views of supporters (Barbara Castle, Eric Heffer) and critics (Lord Hailsham, Lord Barnett). It is consistently entertaining, often contentious and sometimes revealing. The only criticism is that it tries to cram too much in, leaving some issues underexplored. The original idea was for a series, rather than a single programme. At least there would have been no shortage of material.

● As Sir John Gielgud remarks in Omnibus (BBC1, 10.20pm), Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies has played everyone from tarts to empresses. He reckons she was the best Ranevskaya (in *The Cherry Orchard*) he has seen. But her most famous part is Juliet, which she first played in 1924 opposite Gielgud's Romeo. She has recently held masterclasses on the role at the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. The programme salutes the actress, now in her 98th year, with a batch of tributes from the theatrical profession, and shows her demonstrating the principles of her craft to a group of drama students.

**Peter Waymark**

# Oh, what a lively war

**RADIO CHOICE**



Cromwell: awaiting a role in *God's Revolution* (R4, 3pm)

● A friendly word of warning before you tune in this afternoon to part one of Don Taylor's God's Revolution (Radio 4, 3.00pm): bone up on your English Civil War. It won't be enough to know a bit about Charles I and Cromwell. You must swot up on the Levellers, the Independents, and the Agitators. Find out more about what John Lilburne is doing in jail. Disentangle the Presbyterians from the rest of the politicians at Westminster. Make clear to yourself what Cromwell is up to. The inference you will draw from all this is that Taylor has not done all that he could to spare us from a bumpy ride through some highly complex historical scenery. I only wish I could dispute that, because in all other respects, this is a radio epic of exceptionally high quality, without a cliché in sight, and with a string of lively performances that have not been equalled in a Friday serial for I don't know how long. Since listening to the first episode of *God's Revolution*, I have read the relevant chapters of John Wilson's *Fairfax* (published by John Murray) and G.E. Aylmer's *Rebellion or Revolution?* (Oxford University Press) and, with the fog now lifted, I look forward to episode two with clear eyes and an almost irrespressible excitement.

● Treasure Islands (Radio 4, 11.47am), the grown-ups' guide to children's books, is back for a new season. The timing is excellent. Nationally, this is Children's Book Week. Domestically, the dreaded time has again come round when we must start thinking what books the youngsters might like for Christmas. I apologize if I have made *Treasure Islands* sound heavily commercial, when what is actually offers is a perceptive literary chinwag, Penelope Lively inviting Kevin Crossley-Holland and Julia Eccleshare to debate the possibility that children's classics might be self-perpetuating long after they have forfeited the right to be considered classics.

**Peter Davalle**


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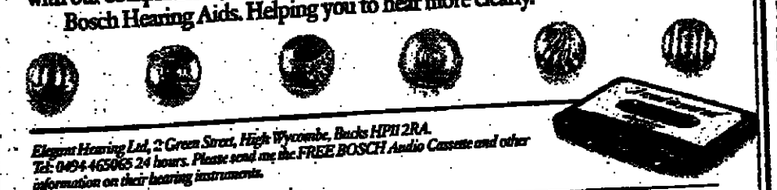
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## Radio 1

**VHF Stereo and MW (medium wave)**
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
**5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **6.45** Singled Out. Mike Read and guests review this week's new singles **7.00** Jeff Young's Big Beat **9.00** Hey Rrradio! Comedy cabaret **9.30** In Concert featuring the Georgia Satellites **10.30** The Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner

## Radio 2

**VHF Stereo and MW (medium wave)**
**4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Alan Price **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night, from the Radio Show **9.30** Nigel Ogden with The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith **10.30** The Press Gang. **11.00** Alan Titchmarsh **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On. . . **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** World News **8.09** Radiolsms. **8.15** The Spinners **8.30** Music Now **8.59** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News and Sport **9.45** A Choice of Verse **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Just Plain Madness **10.15** Seven Seas **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** News **11.15** Talking from. . . **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.30** Business Matters **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** From Raj to Rajiv **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German programmes **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **8.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Melgudi Days **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial news **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sport **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Just Plain Madness **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Europe's World **3.45** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **3.45** Morgenmagasin **5.45** 649 News **5.55** Financial News **6.00** World News and 24 Hours **6.30** Londres Matin

## Radio 3

**6.35-6.55** Open University. Education Bulletin
**6.55** Weather followed by News Headlines
**7.00** Morning Concert: Corelli: Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6, No 6 (La Pettie Bande, directed by Sigiswald Kuijken); Holst: Suite for Military Band No 2 in F (Central Band of the Royal Air Force under Wing Commander Eric Banks); Verdi: Overture to The Force of Destiny (London Symphony Orchestra under James Levine); Paganini: Sonata varsavia (Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Franco Tamponi with Salvatore Accardo, violin)
**8.30** News
**8.35** Composers of the Week: Saint-Saëns: Carnival of the Animals (Paris Instrumental Group); Symphony No 3 in C minor (Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Charles Dutoit, with Peter Hurford, organ)
**9.35** Langham Chamber Orchestra conducted by Leo Brouwer in Mysliveček's Sinfonia in E flat, Mozart's Serenade in D (Serenata notturna), Guillermo Tomas's Solitude, and Hindemith's Eight Pieces for strings. Op 44 No 3 (r)
**10.25** Franid, Pauk, Kirshbaum Trio. Peter Frankl, piano, Gyorgy Pauk, violin, and Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, play Beethoven: Cello Sonata in C, Op 102, No 1; Violin Sonata in F, Op 24 (Spring); Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97 (Archduke) (r)
**11.55** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Robert Houlihan and Glynn Bragg in Dvorák's The Wild Dove, John Maxwell Geddes's Ombre, and Tchaikovsky's Francesca da Rimini.
**1.05** News
**1.05** Chamber Music from Manchester. Peter Noke and Helen Krizos on two pianos play Martinu's Three Czech Dances; Emil Hlobil's Sonata for two pianos, Op 55; Eben's Hommage à Dietrich Buxtehude (arranged by Peter Noke); Martinu's Fantaisie for two pianos
**2.00** Mendelssohn. Octet in E flat, Op 20, played by the Divertimenti Ensemble (r)
**2.35** Purcell and Brahms. Derek Ragin, counter tenor, and Julius Drake, piano, play Purcell's Sweeter than Roses; Brahms's Standchen, Op 106; and Purcell's The Queen Epicedium
**3.00** Newbury Spring Festival 1988. Academy of Ancient Music, directed by Christopher Hogwood, with Melvyn Tan, fortepiano, play Haydn's Symphony No 90 in C, and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 26 in D (K537) (Coronation) and Symphony No 41 in C (K551) (Jupiter)
**4.40** Medieval Bax. Arnold Bax: This Worldes Joié, and Mater ora filium. Performed by the BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson
**5.00** Mainly for Pleasure. Presented by Peter Paul Nash
**6.30** West Coast Jazz. Max Harrison continues his investigation into the way jazz grew in popularity on the West Coast of America during the Fifties. Includes the work of John Graas, Andre Previn, Shorty Rogers, Lennie Niehaus and Gerry Mulligan
**7.00** News
**7.05** Third Ear. As The Architecture of Pluralism exhibition opens at the German National Architecture Museum at Frankfurt, American architect Robert Stern talks about his work to Jonathan Glancey
**7.30** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Edward Downes plays David Matthews's Chaconne for orchestra, and Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor
**8.25** The Beau of Brompton: A portrait of George Godwin. Dr Ruth Richardson presents a portrait of the Victorian architect and social reformer, who died 100 years ago this year. He was the earliest English architect to appreciate the importance of high-rise housing.
**8.45** BBC Philharmonic. Sibelius's Symphony No 1 in E minor.
**9.35** Largo Desolato. Tom Stoppard's version of the play by Vaclav Havel. Professor Leopold Nettles (Richard Briers) has offended the authorities with a philosophical essay. He is daily expecting a knock on his door, and is certainly not the hero his friends believe (r)
**11.00** Composers of the Week. Mozart's Prague Disciples. Vojtech Jirovec: Overture; Frantisek Dusek: Piano Concerto in E flat; Semiramis; Vaclav Tomasek's Symphony in D
**12.00-12.05** News

## Radio 4

**LW** (long wave) (s) stereo on **FM**
**5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer of the Day (s)
**6.30** Today, including news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.** Weather at **6.55, 7.55**
**8.42** Leaving Home. Garrison Keillor reads the final part of his tales from the Midwest of America (final part)
**8.55** Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. Michael Bryant reads Macavity the Mystery Cat by T. S. Eliot (s)
**9.00** News
**9.05** Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's guest is the actress Athene Seyler (s)
**9.45** Famous for 15 Minutes. Christopher Hughes, who won *Mastermind* in 1983 and gave up his job as a tube train driver to became a television presenter. His new career was short lived
**10.30** Morning Story. Oh Susanna, Don't You Cry for Me, by Sam McAughtry
**10.45** Daily Service (s)
**11.10** News; Analysis. New series presented by David Walker. Michael Dukakis is just one of the state governors asserting his political presence. What does this mean for the future of American politics — the balance of power between the state and the federal government, and new influences on national policy? (r)
**11.47** Treasure Island. New series of the children's book programme with Penelope Lively. What makes a book a success with young readers? (see Choice)
**12.00** News; You and Yours with John Waite
**12.25pm** Radio Fun. The story of radio comedy presented by Russell Davies reaches the 1980s
**1.00** The World at One
**1.40** The Archers
**1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour, includes interviews with the parents of gay children, a look at children's broadcasting, and an interview with the Scottish singer Barbara Dickson
**3.00** News; God's Revolution, by Don Taylor. New drama series set in the aftermath of the English civil war. With Nigel Anthony as General Fairfax (s) (see Choice)
**4.00** News
**4.05** Wilko's Weekly. Tony Wilkinson visits *The Stirling Observer* and finds reporters battling with the advertising department, and the woman's page uncovering a male stripper
**4.30** Kaleidoscope. Reviews of John Arden's *The Books of Bale* and the film *Midnight Run*, plus a look at the Tiger Rugs of Tibet exhibition (r)
**5.00** PM
**5.50** Shipping Forecast
**5.55-6.00** Weather
**6.00pm** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
**6.30** Going Places. Clive Jacobs, Tom Boswell and Alanah Martin with travel and transport news
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers. Including a surprise appearance from Dame Edna Everage
**7.20** Pick of the Week. Wally K. Daly presents a selection of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
**8.20** Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby from the Radio Show at Earls Court with Tony Benn, Edwina Currie, David Steel and John Mortimer
**9.05** Stop Press. Michael Elliott reviews the week's newspapers
**9.30** Letter from America
**9.45** Kaleidoscope. Colin Nears reflects on the work of Sir Frederick Ashton, who died in August at the age of 83 and talks to Dame Ninette de Valois, with whom he co-founded the Royal Ballet
**10.15** A Book at Bedtime. White Boy Running by Christopher Hope
**10.29** Weather
**10.30** The World Tonight
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight
**11.35** Week Ending. New series of the satirical review of the week's news
**12.00-12.30am** News, incl weather at **12.20**
**12.23** Shipping Forecast
VHF Programmes As Above except:
**11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime (s) **11.35** Music Workshop (s)
**1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Let's Join In (s) **2.25** The Song Tree (s) **2.40** The Friday Serial (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)
**12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time A-Level English: Middlemarch (s)

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# Troops fire on Algiers rioters

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

As riots continued in Algiers yesterday President Chadli of Algeria declared a state of siege in the capital, giving the police and army emergency powers. Soon afterwards troops opened fire to disperse rioters angered by rising prices and food shortages.

Troops with armoured cars had moved into the capital overnight after serious rioting on Wednesday left many areas devastated with shops and office buildings ransacked, windows broken and cars overturned and set alight.

This explosion of feeling followed cost-of-living strikes which gained momentum over the past few weeks.

The strikes had subsided but yesterday groups of youths, aged between 14 and 25, were out on the streets again as army helicopters patrolled overhead. In some areas the army used teargas to disperse demonstrators while in others the ransacking continued unabated.

The day before, demonstrators attacked symbols of state authority, such as the headquarters of the FLN ruling party, ministries and government shops, as well as national and foreign airline companies whose offices were ransacked and computer terminals hurled into the street.

There are no clear details on the number injured. Yesterday troops guarded government buildings and in front of what remained of Algiers' most luxurious shopping centre at Ryad-el-Feth.

Algiers, originally designed for 800,000 people, now has a population of more than three million.

In declaring the emergency, President Chadli has decided that he must halt the unrest quickly. Not since 1965, when the Army seized power from Ahmed Ben Bella, have so many troops been seen on the streets.

Discontent has been growing for a considerable time and the outburst comes as Algerian oil and gas prices are plummeting and drought and locusts have this year ravaged agriculture. In many areas there are acute shortages of water and basic foods.

About 65 per cent of the population are younger than 25 and many of them lose hope before leaving school. The President faces considerable opposition in his attempts to break up the huge state sector — created in the days of high oil revenues — to create a viable private sector and to crack down on the widespread corruption.

● LONDON: The Foreign Office yesterday urged travellers to consider postponing their visits to Algeria (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes). It warned that visitors "may encounter civil disturbances and disruption". But the 1,500 British residents there were said to be at little risk "provided they keep a low profile and act sensibly".

# Italy sets a demure fashion mood



Armani's evening skirt of ruffled green organza and chiffon, and (right) his one-sleeved chiffon overblouse and soft trousers (Photographs: John Rogers).

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

Italian bravura, normally expressed in fashions with some sassy tailoring and collections of colourful, curvy clothes, is today modestly veiled in a flutter of chiffon. It was apparent from Romeo Gigli's shaded chiffon dresses with their dipping handkerchief-point hems glimpsed at the start of this week's shows in Milan that the traditionally brash *bella figura* of Milanese style is content to smoulder beneath a flirtatious wisp of silk.

By the time Giorgio Armani staged his traditional finale to the week's parade of fashion and tied the last knot on the side of the chiffon one-sleeved blouses that he slipped over silk camisoles, the new gentle mood was securely established.

Any woman with a wardrobe of "power-dressing" suits need not despair. That traditionally tailored jacket can still play its role on top of the new softly-draped narrow sarong skirts. A simple T-shirt is essential

Armani displayed his understanding of the subtleties of the present romantic mood in fashion in a collection where every outfit seemed to have a chiffon "shadow" slipped on top, where a silk-fringed shawl was tossed over its matching violet or Indian pink washed silk blazer, and drifts of organza were ruffled up into a skirt of cabbage-roses..

An Armani show is usually set apart from any cultural cross-currents picked up in other designers' collections. His designs have little to do with fad or fashion. A Giorgio Armani ensemble of puckered tweed jacket in putty and sage worn with a fluid skirt demands little more than an instinctive sensuous response to texture and colouring.

This time, however, his gentle way of skimming the body with crepe and fluttering chiffon can be seen in most other collections.

The new romance in fashion is bound to be echoed in the British Designer Shows that open in London today. Hot tropical colours and sari drapes are all part of the Indian summer forecast for 1989.

*Conference sketch*

# No policy must be the best policy

"I am deeply sorry for the unkind things I said about Liverpool", Disraeli is reputed to have quipped. "I had not seen Leeds at the time." Looking back to the Democrats' Conference here last week fills me with remorse for the unkind things I said then. Compared with this lot, they were all so *nice*.

No ornament myself, I venture upon this next reflection warily. But why are Labour delegates so physically unattractive? Why do they all have spots? Why is their hair so horribly greasy? Why is their gaze reproachful, their speech a surly monotone? No disrespect to the genuinely disabled, but it must be said that if one didn't have a limp naturally, one would feel under pressure here to develop one. And why do they never laugh?

Mr Gerald Kaufman, (Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs) does have a sense of humour but rarely lets it show. Often compared with Kermit the Frog, there is an air about him (though he is properly fed and dressed, and spikily confident) that makes you somehow want to look after him; construct for him a little pond of his own with water lillies, safe from predators and stocked with gnats and succulent flies for him to pounce on.

By the end of today's debate Mr Kaufman must have longed for such a haven. The day had started awkwardly as he boasted on the radio that the world's ambassadors are queueing to meet him. It sounded a little plaintive: like the slightly confused lady who lives up the road from me who keeps telling everyone that "Ivor Novello's boys came to my wedding, you know". As a strategy to impress it has its limitations but it is not without impact in the launderette.

Mr Kaufman found himself discussing foreign affairs, this afternoon, in a launderette of truly vast proportions. He didn't actually mention Ivor Novello but he mentioned almost everybody else. He was off to Moscow shortly to see the people in the Kremlin. He was on the best of terms with Mr Peres in Jerusalem who had *assured* him that Israel would gladly talk to Arabs who renounced all their claims. He had spoken to absolutely everybody who mattered in the Middle East — he had spoken, in fact, to more leaders than Sir Geoffrey Howe *or* Mr George Shultz... the list seemed endless. One felt more and more confident that at Mr Kaufman's wedding — whenever that happy day should occur — *all* of Ivor Novello's boys will be there.

Mr Kaufman turned momentarily from this to dispose of the slight problem of Labour's defence policy. It would be best, he argued, not to have one. This was not a fudge. Oh, no. There was much to which Labour could commit itself immediately. Wanting to see a non-nuclear world, for instance. And motherhood. It was just the little question of *how* we get there which seemed best left on the back-burner for the time

Alan Tuffin, the next speaker from the floor, took up the strands of Mr Kaufman's argument and wove them joyfully together into a coat of many colours. Yes, we could have multilateral disarmament. Yes, we could have bilateral disarmament too. *And* unilateral disarmament. Why skimp? Why not have the lot?

What glorious possibilities this line of thought opens up. Mr. Hattersley had already intimated on Monday that we could have both a free market and a controlled market. More cautiously, John Smith had kept under wraps his party's plans for reducing taxation *and* increasing it. But in succeeding debates on health and education, spokesmen managed cautiously to imply that it was easy to have private provision co-existing with public provision — in circumstances where public provision rendered private provision unnecessary.

Dizzied by the richness and diversity of the world that was opening up, my imagination took flight. The baroque and gilded patchwork of panels that arch across the ceiling of the great hall at Blackpool began to blur — until they seemed to become one of those huge, comfortable, heavy old eiderdowns of our childhood. Far away, now, I heard the words "I will now call Ron Todd". I refocused sharply. Mr Todd stood before us waving his arms. In his excitement he had stumbled in his text. "The North Sea Divide!" He shouted above bewildered cheers

**Matthew Parris**

# When no news is good philosophy

By Alan Hamilton

Diogenes should have been so lucky. When Dr Julius Tomin arrived to deliver his first lecture as pub philosopher to the Beehive in Swindon, Wiltshire, last night, he was almost unable to get in for the crush of newsmen occupying every square inch of the tiny bar.

Dr Tomin, a Czech dissident, aged 49, who fled to Britain in 1980, has become an unwilling media celebrity since a social security tribunal deprived him of a £67 a week benefit, dismissing his defence that as a philosopher he was too busy at his proper business of reading original Greek Socratic texts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford to make himself available for humbler work.

His plight was noticed by Mr Noel Reilly, landlord of the Beehive, an Irishman and no mean philosopher of life himself, who immediately signed up Dr Tomin to deliver a series of nine lectures over three years to his tap room regulars for a stipend of £5,000 a year.

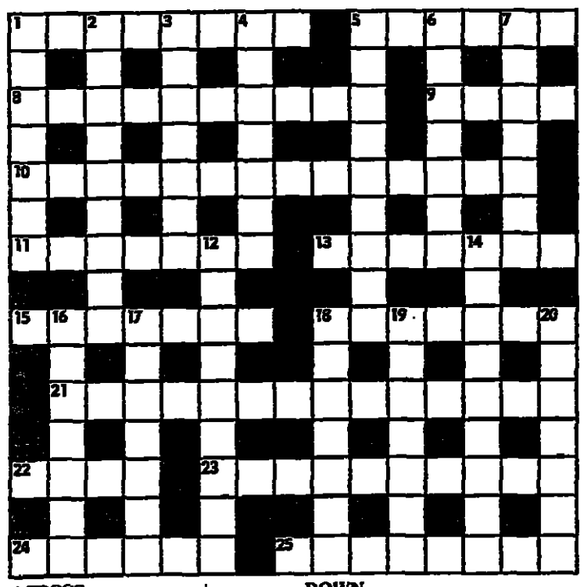
Dr Tomin immediately signed himself off the unemployment register. He also became briefly famous for cycling from the World Congress of Philosophy at Brighton in August to attend the social security tribunal at Oxford. Part of his new salary package is that a car is sent from the Beehive to Oxford to fetch him.

Mr Reilly said he had hired Dr Tomin because both the Oxford academic community, who had so far refused him a teaching post, and British society in general, had treated him shamefully, enticing him from Eastern Europe only to force him to live on £67 a week. "I have given up a new car this year to pay for a philosopher," Mr Reilly said.

Dr Tomin announced to the pub that his theme would be "Time For Philosophy", promising that his lectures would touch on ancient philosophy, but would be more concerned with his own experiences of freedom.

At that point there was a suggestion from the floor that freedom to see and hear Dr Tomin was what was most desired, and the media circus was thrown out to cheers from the regulars.

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,794



*ACROSS*

1 French King's personal capital (4,4).
5 Craftily lead diamonds after ending in three no-trumps (6).
8 Operating during race, doctor is vigilant (2,3,5).
9 Called by name in a newspaper (4).
10 Stony bed, where it took a different course (5,2,3,4).
11 Round meadows bird is free (7).
13 Tense, having drunk a small measure (7).
15 Endlessly show off bull, perhaps Irish bull (7).
18 Tree hailing from Mediterranean island (7).
21 I handled orders for boiling fowl (5,6,3).
22 The starting date some say is about 4th of July (1-3).
23 Hire workers and start to take action (10).
24 Concerning this, the lady's adversary comes round (6).
25 Keeps its press in order (8).

*DOWN*

1 Severely criticize the clothing (7).
2 Work to keep the wolf from the door (3-6).
3 Article about South Africa's saint (7).
4 Breaking the law, an alien writer (7).
5 End halfway through exam — in test, time's up (9).
6 Discolour, like a pool? (7).
7 Grant at one time put in three consecutive letters . . . (7).
12 . . . full three notes, post-like (5-4).
14 Spectre — he creates a feeling of horror (3,6).
16 A game cut down (7).
17 It alleviates mental distress when wrongly annoyed (7).
18 Picture of convict imprisoned by old king (7).
19 Tool incorporated in a second (7).
20 Used a test to reveal drugs (7).

Concise crossword, page 22

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

### PETS

By Philip Howard

**BAVIECA**
a. Sancho Panza's cat
b. Stout Cortez's hound
c. The Cid's horse

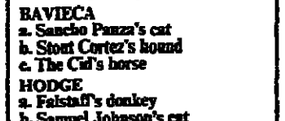
**HODGE**
a. Falstaff's donkey
b. Samuel Johnson's cat
c. George IV's cocker spaniel

**INCITATUS**
a. Caligula's horse
b. Hercules' hound
c. Medea's familiar cat

**DIAMOND**
a. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's dog
b. Bertie Wooster's temporary cat
c. Isaac Newton's dog

*Answers on page 24, column 1*

*Solution to Puzzle No 17,793*



## WEATHER

**A colder, windy day all over Britain, up to gale force in places, and severe gale force in exposed spots especially in the west. Some sunny spells but many places will have squally showers, most frequently in western areas. Some showers will turn heavy, with the chance of hail and thunder. Outlook: quite cold and showery in all areas. Very windy at times.**

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 21 | 70 | f | Luxor | 35 | 95 | s |
| Alicante | 25 | 77 | s | Madrid | 23 | 73 | s |
| Alex'dria | 26 | 79 | f | Majorca | 25 | 77 | f |
| Algiers | 28 | 82 | s | Malaga | 21 | 70 | fg |
| Amst'dam | 13 | 55 | r | Malta | 26 | 79 | s |
| Athens | 24 | 75 | s | Melb'rne | 13 | 55 | c |
| Bahrain | 34 | 93 | s | Mexico C' | 15 | 59 | c |
| Barbados* | 26 | 79 | c | Miami* | 25 | 77 | r |
| Barcelna | 19 | 66 | c | Milan | 19 | 66 | s |
| Belgrade | 18 | 66 | f | Montreal* | 9 | 48 | f |
| Berlin | 15 | 59 | f | Moscow | 15 | 59 | s |
| Bermuda* | 30 | 86 | s | Munich | 13 | 55 | c |
| Biarritz | 18 | 64 | s | Nairobi | 23 | 73 | c |
| Borde'x | 17 | 63 | c | Naples | 22 | 72 | f |
| Brussels | 13 | 55 | r | N York* | 14 | 57 | c |
| Budapst | 10 | 50 | r | Nice | 21 | 70 | s |
| B Aires* | 19 | 66 | s | Oslo | 2 | 36 | c |
| Cairo | 28 | 82 | s | Paris | 14 | 57 | r |
| Cape Tn | 17 | 63 | f | Peking | 25 | 77 | s |
| C'blanca | 23 | 73 | f | Perth | 18 | 64 | c |
| Chicago* | 10 | 50 | f | Prague | 15 | 59 | f |
| Ch'church | 22 | 72 | s | Reykjvk | 4 | 39 | s |
| Cologne | 12 | 54 | r | Rhodes | 24 | 75 | s |
| C'phgn | 13 | 55 | c | Rio de J | 23 | 73 | c |
| Corfu | 22 | 72 | f | Riyadh | 37 | 99 | s |
| Dublin | 11 | 52 | r | Rome | 23 | 73 | f |
| Dubrovnik | 19 | 66 | c | Salzburg | 15 | 59 | f |
| Faro | 24 | 75 | s | S F'isco* | 16 | 61 | c |
| Florence | 21 | 70 | f | Santiago* | 28 | 82 | s |
| Frankfurt | 11 | 52 | r | S Paulo* | 19 | 66 | c |
| Funchal | 22 | 72 | f | Seoul | 19 | 66 | s |
| Geneva | 13 | 55 | c | Singapr | 31 | 88 | f |
| Gibraltar | 25 | 77 | s | St'kholm | 13 | 55 | c |

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | Ht | PM | Ht |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 12.18 | 6.1 | 12.40 | 6.1 |
| Aberdeen | —— | —— | 12.30 | 3.7 |
| Avonmouth | 5.52 | 10.6 | 6.13 | 11.3 |
| Belfast | 10.05 | 3.0 | 10.03 | 3.3 |
| Cardiff | 5.37 | 9.9 | 5.58 | 10.5 |
| Devonport | 4.29 | 4.5 | 4.42 | 4.8 |
| Dover | 10.01 | 5.5 | 10.39 | 5.7 |
| Falmouth | 3.59 | 4.3 | 4.12 | 4.6 |
| Glasgow | 12.11 | 4.1 | 11.51 | 4.2 |
| Harwich | 10.32 | 3.5 | 11.04 | 3.7 |
| Holyhead | 9.30 | 4.7 | 9.37 | 5.1 |
| Hull | 5.03 | 6.2 | 5.41 | 6.1 |
| Ilfracombe | 4.50 | 7.6 | 5.06 | 8.1 |
| Leith | 1.20 | 4.7 | 1.47 | 4.8 |
| Liverpool | 10.12 | 8.0 | 10.27 | 8.5 |
| Lowestoft | 8.02 | 2.2 | 9.06 | 2.2 |
| Margate | 10.48 | 4.2 | 11.33 | 4.4 |
| Milford Haven | 5.07 | 5.8 | 5.23 | 6.2 |
| Newquay | 4.02 | 5.8 | 4.17 | 6.2 |
| Oban | 4.58 | 3.3 | 5.09 | 3.5 |
| Penzance | 3.34 | 4.5 | 3.46 | 4.8 |
| Portland | 5.59 | 1.7 | 5.46 | 1.9 |
| Portsmouth | 10.29 | 4.1 | 10.46 | 4.0 |
| Shoreham | 10.06 | 5.3 | 10.30 | 5.3 |
| Southampton | 10.15 | 4.0 | 10.22 | 3.9 |
| Swansea | 5.12 | 7.8 | 5.26 | 8.2 |
| Tees | 2.19 | 4.7 | 2.57 | 4.7 |
| Wilton-on-Hre | 10.28 | 3.7 | 11.02 | 3.9 |

Time measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 5.2 | .25 | 16 | 59 | sunny |
| Biddington | 4.7 | .40 | 16 | 61 | bright |
| Cromer | 3.6 | .05 | 15 | 59 | bright |
| Lowestoft | 6.8 | .02 | 17 | 63 | sunny |
| Southend | 4.9 | .08 | 16 | 61 | sunny |
| Margate | 3.4 | .23 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Hastings | 4.8 | .73 | 16 | 61 | shower |
| Brighton | 3.2 | .09 | 15 | 59 | bright |
| Bognor R | 4.1 | .31 | 15 | 59 | thndr |
| Southsea | 4.4 | .18 | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Bournemth | 7.1 | .15 | 16 | 61 | bright |
| Poole | 5.3 | .28 | 16 | 61 | bright |
| Swanage | 6.4 | .29 | 16 | 61 | shower |
| Weymouth | 6.0 | .36 | 16 | 61 | shower |
| Torquay | 5.0 | .17 | 17 | 63 | sunny |
| Falmouth | 2.3 | .04 | 14 | 57 | cloudy |
| Scilly Isles | 4.3 | .04 | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Minehead | 4.2 | .15 | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Morecambe | 3.3 | .14 | 14 | 57 | shower |
| Douglas | 4.6 | .23 | 14 | 57 | bright |
| Ballcon | 1.8 | .28 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Carlisle | 2.9 | .09 | 15 | 59 | cloudy |
| Leeds | 4.9 | .17 | 15 | 59 | sunny |
| Anglesey | 0.6 | .21 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Colwyn Bay | 1.1 | .23 | 14 | 57 | cloudy |
| Tenby | 4.4 | .14 | 15 | 59 | cloudy |

These are Wednesday's figures

### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.043in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.2hr.

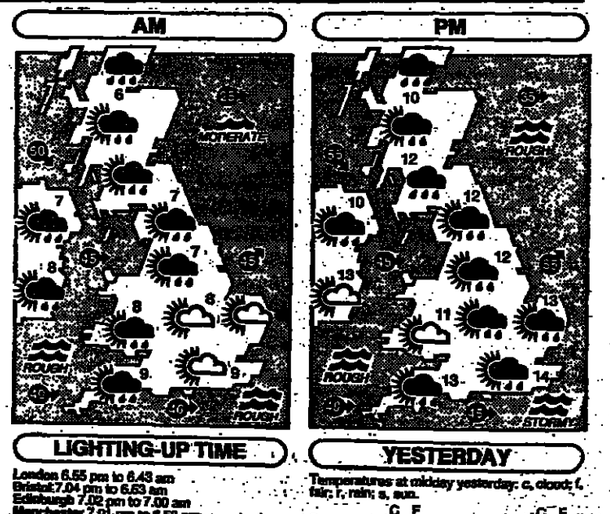
### THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.21 | 2.09 |
| Austria Sch | 23.05 | 21.85 |
| Belgium Fr | 68.40 | 65.60 |
| Canada $ | 2.13 | 2.02 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.55 | 11.85 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.77 | 7.37 |
| France Fr | 11.13 | 10.53 |
| Germany Dm | 3.285 | 3.095 |
| Greece Dr | 264.00 | 249.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.70 | 12.95 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.221 | 1.161 |
| Italy Lire | 2450.00 | 2320.00 |
| Japan Yen | 241.00 | 225.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.695 | 3.495 |
| Norway Kr | 12.10 | 11.50 |
| Portugal Esc | 269.00 | 255.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.55 | 4.15 |
| Spain Pta | 215.50 | 204.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.28 | 10.68 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.78 | 2.62 |
| USA $ | 1.773 | 1.683 |
| Yugoslavia Dar | 5700.00 | 4900.00 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 107.9 (August)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 9.8 at 1481.5




### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.55 pm to 6.43 am
Bristol 7.04 pm to 6.53 am
Edinburgh 7.02 pm to 7.00 am
Manchester 7.01 pm to 6.53 am
Penzance 7.17 pm to 7.03 am

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 9 | 48 | r | Guernsey | 13 | 55 | c |
| B'mingham | 13 | 55 | f | Inverness | 10 | 50 | s |
| Blackpool | 11 | 52 | r | Jersey | 15 | 59 | r |
| Bristol | 14 | 57 | s | London | 14 | 57 | c |
| Cardiff | 13 | 55 | f | M'chester | 11 | 52 | r |
| Edinburgh | 9 | 48 | r | Newcastle | 11 | 52 | s |
| Glasgow | 8 | 46 | r | N'ireland | 11 | 52 | c |

### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am,12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm,4.0hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.3 millibars, rising. 1.000 millibars = 29.53in.

Sun rises: 7.11 am
Sun sets: 6.25 pm
Moon rises: 3.18 am
Moon sets: 5.22 pm
New Moon October 10

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Leeming, N Yorks 17C (63F); lowest day max: Buxton 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Ronaldsway 1.08in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft 8.8hr.

### TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 3.30pm and 4.10pm.

### NOON TODAY




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| MARKETS | THE POUND |
|---|---|
| FT 30 Share 1481.5 (+9.8) | US dollar 1.6940 (–0.0020) |
| FT-SE 100 1838.9 (+12.6) | W German mark 3.1576 (–0.0004) |
| USM (Datastream) 160.62 (+1.07) | Trade-weighted 75.8 (same) |

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# Minorco papers add fuel to ConsGold dispute

By Colin Campbell

A dispute broke out yesterday over the detail of what is purported to have been agreements, conversations and merger proposals between Minorco and Consolidated Gold Fields in 1986.

In an unprecedented release of boardroom papers and draft press releases, Minorco yesterday said it was "putting the record straight" regarding comments made by Mr Rudolph Agnew, the chairman of ConsGold, as reported in *The Times* on October 4.

ConsGold's reply to Minorco's documents yesterday was that it was a distortion of the record.

Minorco said last night that it would not go beyond yesterday's dossier except to say that given the history of the 1986 talks, the current outright rejection by ConsGold of its £2.9 billion offer was not compatible. And that history makes it clear why Minorco has now gone directly to ConsGold shareholders in making its £2.9 billion bid rather than to the ConsGold board again.

The essence of *The Times* report was that Minorco had proposed a merger with ConsGold in 1986,

> **He (Mr Ogilvie Thompson) had 100 per cent against him and his ludicrous idea of how to run a company**
>
> *Mr Rudolph Agnew in The Times on Tuesday*

and that a business plan had been drawn up whereby a new holding company located in either Luxembourg or Switzerland would be formed into which Minorco and ConsGold would be merged.

Minorco's dossier released yesterday says this "first phase of discussions" continued until the beginning of December 1986. During this phase it was ConsGold's concern that the principal South African shareholders (Anglo American and De Beers) should not be able to exercise more than 25 per cent of the votes, except in special circumstances.

There was also no premium over the then market price of ConsGold shares. These discussions then terminated. The second phase followed days later (also in December 1986) when Minorco and Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, "developed proposals for a friendly merger" whereby ConsGold shareholders would have been offered a 29 per cent premium over the then market price.

At that time there was intense market speculation of a bid for ConsGold, and price movements were volatile. And at the time ConsGold denied any merger talks. Both parties said last night that because no formal proposals had been put to a board, there was no cause or need to inform the Take-Over Panel of discussions between the two.

The Minorco papers say that Mr Agnew was assured of the key executive position in the enlarged group. Minorco's proposals were submitted to Consgold on December 14, and negotations continued until December 21, 1986, Minorco says.

"Negotiations on all key aspects of the offer, including board representation and management, had been satisfactorily settled by the respective chairmen and their advisers prior to the holding of a special Minorco board meeting on Saturday, December 20.

"On the evening of Sunday, December 21, 1986, – subject to approval by the ConsGold board – agreement was reached between the two teams on outstanding points including the offer price and the wording of a joint press release." Both Minorco and

> **The merger proposals had been agreed**
>
> *Minorco yesterday*

ConsGold briefed public relations consultants accordingly.

"This was the offer that Mr Agnew and his executives put to the ConsGold board on December 22 1986, with a view to making an agreed public announcement immediately thereafter."

The inference from the Minorco documents is that Mr Agnew and others were in agreement with Minorco plans, but lost the vote at a ConsGold board meeting.

ConsGold last night vigorously denied this interpretation, and charged that the Minorco documents and quotations were "highly selective."

It insists that no agreement was reached, and that the terms proposed were (with the exception of the two Minorco representatives who did not attend) rejected unanimously.

The document adds: "Mr Agnew subsequently told Mr Ogilvie Thompson (of Minorco) that he regretted that he (Agnew) had not kept a number of non-executive directors of ConsGold adequately in the picture through both phases of the merger talks." This is also in dispute.

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

## Receiver at Oyster Bar group

Barclays Bank has called in Touche Ross to act as receiver at Bentley's of Piccadilly, owner of a string of well-known London restaurants, including the Oyster Bar which first opened in 1917.

Mr John Richards of Touche said the company had "acute cash flow problems", and added: "The company had huge liabilities, there were rents unpaid and it was potentially a bottomless pit. The directors did not have sufficient cash so they asked the bank to appoint a receiver".

*A £5.5 million* paper takeover offer from the Leisure Investments group was rejected in June. Latest available figures show the company made losses of £430,000 in 1986. Touche will seek buyers for the whole group or the individual restaurants.

## HTV's £14.4m

HTV Group, the independent television contractor for Wales and the west of England, boosted profits by 21 per cent to £14.4 million. The final dividend of 8p raises the total payout to 11.7p.

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## Oil recovery

Oil prices made a technical recovery on the spot markets yesterday, with North Sea Brent crude climbing 40 cents to about $11.50 (£6.80) per barrel.

### STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2105.80 (–0.71)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27172.34 (–233.15)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2427.04 (+9.62)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 276.1 (+1.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 1515.6 (+3.8)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1573.4 (+5.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 5331.9 (+59.0)
Paris: CAC ..... 382.0 (+2.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 484.1 (+3.9)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ..... 952.83 (+8.02)
FT.–"500" ..... 1037.99 (+8.19)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 174.2 (+1.2)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 98.70 (same)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.89 (+0.29)
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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Bass ..... 801½p (+11p)
Scot & Newcastle ..... 363p (+10½p)
Higgs & Hill ..... 352½p (+15p)
McCarthy & Stone ..... 389½p (+11p)
Henderson Admin ..... 725p (+10p)
Ladbroke ..... 463p (+12p)
Whatman Reeve ..... 345p (+10p)
Photo-Me ..... 455p (+15p)
Aurora ..... 139½p (+22p)
Ayrshire Metal ..... 200p (+10p)
Celestion ..... 493½p (+15p)
Anglia TV 'A' ..... 197p (+11p)
Central TV ..... 545p (+10p)
HTV Group ..... 247½p (+23p)
J Menzies ..... 293½p (+15p)
Hanover Druce ..... 195p (+12p)
British Land ..... 354p (+18p)

FALLS:
A McAlpine ..... 299p (–65p)
Camford Eng ..... 189½p (–10p)
Gresham House ..... 425p (–15p)
Closing prices ..... 24805
Bargains

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 12¼–12⅜
3-month eligible bills: 11²⁷/₃₂–11¹⁵/₁₆%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.25-7.24%*
30-year bonds 101²¹/₃₂–101²³/₃₂*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.6940 | £: $1.6937* |
| £: DM3.1576 | $: DM1.8637* |
| £: SwFr2.6808 | $: SwFr1.5825* |
| £: FFr10.7594 | $: FFr6.3505* |
| £: Yen225.97 | $: Yen133.42* |
| £: Index:75.8 | $: Index:98.9 |
| ECU £0.857351 | SDR £0.765528 |

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $403.00 pm $403.75
close $403.00-403.50 (£238.00-238.58)
New York:
Comex $403.00-403.50*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov.) pm $11.60bbl ($11.35)
* Denotes latest trading price


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# Government to hold steel golden share

By Carol Ferguson

British Steel, which is to be floated on the stock market next month, will be protected from takeover for five years after privatization by a "golden share" held by the Government.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday said the issue would be timed for the second half of next month. A marketing campaign would be launched to ensure the public was fully aware of the estimated £2.5 billion share offer.

The disposal will be via an offer for sale, with overseas offers in the United States, Canada and Japan, and a placing on the Continent. On flotation, 100 per cent of the company will be sold off by the Government, but investors will be able to pay for their share allocations in two instalments.

The decision on whether the issue will be at a fixed price or by tender offer will be given in the Pathfinder prospectus on October 28. At the same time, the 1988-89 interim figures will be released, together with a full-year profit forecast.

The pricing of the issue, the dividend, the timing of the instalments and the minimum level of investment will be decided according to market conditions nearer the time of the issue. "Substantial" demand is expected from overseas investors, and a decision has yet to be reached on how much of this to satisfy.

The Government is targeting three categories of investor — overseas institutions, including some private investors, British institutions and private investors. Initially each could be offered shares in almost equal proportions. If so, there could be claw-back of part of the overseas allocation if the strength of British demand warrants it.

A maximum of 10 per cent of the issue is being reserved for preferential applications from employees, pensioners

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and deferred pensioners and free shares, matching shares and discount shares for employees.

Mr Paul Richards, a director of Samuel Montague, the merchant bank advising the Government, said British Steel had a strong balance sheet and its capital structure was appropriate for the business.

He said there would be no new debt on privatization — at end-July, British Steel's cash and short-term financial assets exceeded its debt. He also confirmed that the £171 million of tax losses the group would be allowed to keep, together with unused capital allowances, would mean it would enjoy a tax rate "substantially below the corporation tax rate for many years to come."

As in previous privatizations, the Government will hold a special share which will prevent any single investor from owning more than 15 per cent of the company until the end of 1993. Thereafter, British Steel will be in the same position as ICI or Pilkington.

A behind-the-scenes marketing campaign to educate British fund managers and analysts on the merits of British Steel has been in progress over the past few months.

Lloyds will be the lead receiving bank for applications, with National Westminster and the Bank of Scotland. Multiple applications will be illegal and Touche Ross will act as fraud auditor.

The issue will break new ground on underwriting in that the lead underwriter will not be one of the Government's advisers. This is because during the BP flotation, when the lead underwriter had to advise the Government on whether to go ahead with the issue in the light of the market crash, it was also representing the primary underwriters.

However, underwriting commissions could be higher than at the time of the BP issue.



Looking for a new address: Nicholas Mountain at No 1 Threadneedle Street yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

# 'Best address' in London for sale

By Cliff Feltham

No 1 Threadneedle Street, home of the Eagle Star insurance company for nearly 70 years and one of the most sought-after addresses in the Square Mile, was put up for sale yesterday.

The attraction of owning a building so close to the Stock Exchange and the Bank of England is likely to spark off a worldwide auction.

Eagle Star said it was impossible to put a value on the property. Mr Nicholas Mountain, the executive director, said: "It is the best address in London. Most people mistake No 1 Threadneedle for the Bank of England. It is like asking Christies to tell you how much a Van Gogh will fetch. They simply won't know."

Most property experts agreed that Mr Mountain's euphoria was not misplaced. Mr Paul White, director of Hanover Druce, the valuer, said: "We agree there is likely to be interest from around the world for a property like this. It could go for at least £45 million – it is very difficult to say at this stage."

Eagle Star, part of BAT Industries, has outgrown the building, which has been the site of its headquarters since 1919. The present building was built in 1967. Planning consent has been obtained to redevelop it to provide about 55,000 sq ft net.

Mr Mountain, who is planning to relocate Eagle Star to a larger headquarters in St Mary Axe, said: "Unfortunately the offices will be too small even after the redevelopment. But if we cannot get the price which we think it is probably worth we will keep it for ourselves as an investment."

Meanwhile, Mr Nazmu Virani's Control Securities is paying £62.5 million for 11 properties, including the freehold of the 244-room Holiday Inn, Marble Arch.

The properties are being sold by Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation, which is accepting £30 million in Control Securities' shares valued at 60p each, thus lifting its stake in the company to 15 per cent. The balance is being paid in cash spread over the next 12 months. The portfolio includes the College Square Shopping Centre in Margate, a 13-storey office building in Cardiff, a 32-acre industrial estate in Birmingham and various offices and retail properties producing a rental income of £3.2 million.

The two companies are also buying a portfolio of US properties from the Pima Savings financial institution worth £127 million, with the intention of finding buyers for the properties.

● Manufacturers Hanover Corporation has sold its London headquarters, the Adelphi building near the Strand, for £190 million, to Middle Eastern interests.

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# SE fear over 1992 securities plans

By Colin Narbrough

The International Stock Exchange yesterday made clear that it opposes the single European market in securities now envisaged by Brussels.

Mr Stephen Raven, the chairman of the ISE's 1992 committee, said it welcomed the principle of an internal market to enable securities firms to do business throughout the Community on a single licence, and easier access to other exchanges.

But it wants regulation and enforcement in other parts of the Community to be "broadly equivalent" to the tough and complex regime in Britain, or business would go to countries with simpler and cheaper regulation.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the ISE chairman, said this did not mean that the Financial Services Act was no good, but that it was not framed with European integration in mind. Mr Raven said the ISE was in favour of authorization based on host country rules by 1992 and some community-wide rules on capital adequacy.

However, the shift towards a system of home country regulation, as proposed by Brussels would have to be brought in gradually, as Britain's tough regulation of its own market would otherwise penalize British firms both at home and abroad if lighter regulation continued elsewhere. He saw the Government being obliged to lower its standards if EEC regulations were set at a lower level that those prevailing in Britain.

The Department of Trade and Industry had been "very supportive" of the ISE.

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# Kuwaiti press hits at BP stake order

By Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent

Kuwait's semi-official press yesterday reacted angrily to the Government's decision to order Kuwait to halve its £1.7 billion stake in BP, and gave warning that it would hit Britain both financially and diplomatically.

The attacks came as British sources expressed the fear that the decision, which surprised many Middle Eastern observers, could have adverse affects on British attempts to do business in the Arab world, particularly in the Gulf.

*Al Rai al Aam*, the Arabic newspaper, said Kuwait – one of the world's largest institutional investors with a global portfolio of about $80 billion (£47 billion) – would now have to review the status of all its investments in Britain.

"The matter will not be limited to the Government, but will include individuals and banks and companies and all Kuwaiti investment institutions," it said. "They will withdraw their deposits and transfer their investments to other, more stable European states."

The English language *Kuwait Times* said Kuwaitis intensely resented what it described as the "enormous injustice" of the Government's order. "The plain truth is that Kuwait's purchase of BP shares was, in effect, a rescue operation by a sincere friend of Britain. Surely this is not a way to say thank you."

"Britain has now proved it is not a friend we can rely on or trust, and its silly decision will be dangerous for British-Kuwaiti relations and British-Gulf relations in general," said *Al Rai al Aam*.

## Pernod chief gives evidence on first day of IDG takeover case

# Whiskey galore in the Four Courts

From Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor, Dublin

Englishmen, Irishmen and Frenchmen converged on a packed Court 6 of Dublin's eccentrically named Four Courts building yesterday for the opening of a case which is ostensibly about whether a man's word is his bond. The outcome will most likely determine the fate of Irish Distillers Group, the Dublin whiskey monopoly.

The three-way takeover tussle between Grand Metropolitan, IDG and Pernod-Ricard has already provided the most complex takeover saga of modern times.

The case turns on whether Pernod, the French spirits group, can convince Mr Justice Declan Costello that IDG's biggest shareholders, the McCann family's FII-Fyffes food group, irrevocably committed itself over the weekend of September 2-4 to an Ir450p per share bid which Pernod said it would only make if it were guaranteed success in advance. A Pernod team headed by its managing director M Thierry Jacquillat, Dublin broker Mr Dermot Desmond and London merchant banker Mr Robert Swannell of Schroders spent what is now known in Dublin as "*the* weekend" lobbying hundreds of IDG shareholders to sign up. They argued that shareholders could not otherwise improve on a rival Ir400p bid from GC&C Brands (by then wholly owned by GrandMet) because it could not be raised, under Takeover Panel rules, in the absence of a rival offer.

FII directors orally agreed to go along with Pernod, which had been brought in as a white knight by IDG's managing director Mr Richard Burrows. But they failed to show up for a scheduled Sunday afternoon signing ceremony when Mr Antony Beevor, the Panel's director general, allowed GrandMet to raise its bid to Ir525p with minutes to spare."

Yesterday the court heard the astonishing claim that Mr Desmond had said he would arrange a tax clearance letter, which would save FII - Ir£20 million (£17 million), by telephoning Ireland's tax commissioners at home over that weekend.

Earlier M Jacquillat had told the court how his team had horse-traded with Mr Carl McCann and Mr Jim Flavin of FII, eventually arriving at a price of Ir450p.

FII will argue that they would never have agreed finally without confirmation of their tax position and checking with the European Commission over an earlier deal. Mr McCann and Mr Flavin are likely to argue that their oral deal with M Jacquillat was on the basis that Pernot would bid if it had acceptances in advance on 30 per cent of IDG shares, leaving room for a higher offer from GrandMet.


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## Morgan Crucible in $34m carbon deal

**Morgan Crucible is buying Carbon Product Operation from General Electric Company of the US for $34 million (£20 million), in a move designed to make Morgan a more effective competitor in the world's carbon markets. CPO, based in Pennsylvania, produces industrial traction and aircraft materials and its supply contract with General Electric is guaranteed for five years after the purchase.**

**The acquisition is being financed partly by cash and partly through the issue of 5.7 million new shares worth £13.6 million. Last year CPO made pretax profits of $3.4 million on a turnover of $14.7 million. Profits for the current year are expected to be well ahead of the 1987 results.**

## NSM's £9m ship sale

**NSM, the coal-mining group in which the Kuwait Investment Office holds a 22 per cent stake, is selling the ship MV Hallam Venture to Worldwide Shipping of Hong Kong for $15.25 million (£9 million). In the year to March 31 the vessel achieved an operating profit of £600,000. The book value was $3.57 million.**

## Allied buys housebuilder

**Allied London Properties, the property investor and developer, has bought Bleasbury, a Kent and East Sussex housebuilder, for £6.25 million. Bleasbury specializes in first-time buyers and retirement homes. In 1987, the company achieved pre-tax profits of £1.2 million, including an extraordinary profit of £578,000.**

## Druck up to £3.14m

**Druck Holdings, the manufacturer of electronic measuring devices, reports a 15 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, to £3.14 million, on sales up 15 per cent to £14.3 million, during the year ended June 30. Earnings per share rose to 31.8p, up from 26.2p. The final dividend is 4.0p per share, making a total of 6.2p, a increase of 19.2 per cent.**

**During the year the company received orders from British Aerospace, the Ministry of Defence and the Meteorological Office. At the end of the year it also won a contract to supply hydraulic fluid level indicators for Tornado jet fighters.**

## Photo-Me up to £11.29m

**Shares in Photo-Me International, which makes coin-operated photo studios, rose 15p to 455p on net trading profits up from £9.53 million to £11.29 million in the year to end-April. Turnover rose 17 per cent to £76.8 million. Earnings a share reached 19.72p (16.73p) and a 2.4p final dividend was declared, making a total of 3p (1.6p).**

## Hilton boost for Ladbroke

**Shares in Ladbroke Group surged 12p to 463p on news of better-than-expected profits at Hilton International, the hotels group acquired last year, for the first nine months of the current year. Hilton increased profits, before tax and interest charges, by more than 75 per cent over the same period last year.**

## Musterlin in the black

**Musterlin Group, the USM publisher and book distributor, reported first-half pre-tax profits of £25,000 on turnover of £3.56 million. In the same period last year the group made a loss of £268,000. After a tax charge of £64,000 there remained an attributable loss of £39,000, or 1.02p per share, down from 4.33p last year. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1p per share.**

## Sun Alliance Canadian sale

**Sun Alliance expects to receive Can$55 million (£26 million) for the sale of two general insurance subsidiaries in Canada to Continental Corporation, a Canadian insurer. Sun will also buy Continental's 75 per cent holding, and all remaining shares, in Groupe Barthelemy, a French underwriting agency.**

## Manders in £2.5m move

**Manders Holdings, the printing ink, paint and wallpapers group, has bought General Decorating Supplies of Reading, Berkshire, for £2.5 million. GDS is a paint merchant and retailer in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. Manders has also agreed to buy a related freehold property in Henley-on-Thames for £750,000.**

ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADT | 589 | CU | 446 | Laporte | 1,144 | Saatchi | 1,677 |
| Abbey | 900 | Cons Gold | 3,331 | L&G | 590 | Sainsbury | 1,408 |
| Allid-Lyons | 1,355 | Cookson | 604 | Lloyds | 4,747 | Scot & N | 5,860 |
| Amstrad | 871 | Courtaulds | 2,584 | Lonrho | 6,379 | Sears | 10,052 |
| ASDA | 2,952 | Dalgety | 178 | Lucas | 414 | Sedgwick | 165 |
| AB Foods | 151 | Dixons | 8,255 | Magnet | 844 | Shell | 529 |
| Argyll | 4,112 | ECC | 882 | M&S | 3,461 | Siebe | 1,201 |
| BAA | 444 | Enterprise | 2,086 | Maxwell Cm | 225 | Slough | 1,178 |
| BET | 957 | Ferranti | 4,612 | MB Group | 2,064 | Smith & N | 1,259 |
| BTR | 4,569 | Fisons | 4,349 | MEPC | 2,136 | Smith WH | 641 |
| BAT | 2,981 | FKI Babck | 1,656 | Midland | 2,915 | Smiths Ind | 138 |
| Barclays | 1,619 | Gateway Cp | 1,900 | NatWest | 2,900 | STC | 2,468 |
| Bass | 711 | Gen Acc | 149 | Next | 6,385 | Stan Chart | 806 |
| Beecham | 2,496 | GEC | 6,481 | Nth Food | 309 | Storehse | 1,806 |
| Beazer | 303 | Glaxo | 4,373 | P&O | 992 | Sun Alnce | 153 |
| Bergtd SW | 118 | Globe Inv | 657 | Pearl | 18 | T & N | 741 |
| BICC | 2,104 | Glynwed | 396 | Pearson | 22 | Tarmac | 1,408 |
| Blue Arrow | 2,113 | Granada | 1,559 | Pilkington | 1,536 | Tate & Lyle | 274 |
| Blue Circle | 453 | Grand Met | 6,726 | Plessey | 1,991 | Taylor Wood | n/a |
| BOC | 774 | GUS 'A' | 1,643 | Poly Peck | 821 | TSB | 10,371 |
| Boots | 2,889 | GRE | 674 | Prudential | 2,903 | Tesco | 1,735 |
| BPB | 1,171 | GKN | 851 | Racal | 3,789 | Thorn EMI | 862 |
| Br Aero | 1,291 | Guinness | 3,184 | Rank | 960 | Trafalgar | 868 |
| Br Airways | 5,578 | Hamm 'A' | 1,383 | Rank | 231 | THF | 2,140 |
| Br Comm | 143 | Hanson | 10,004 | R&C | 231 | Ultramar | 1,269 |
| Br Gas | 2,398 | H & C | 746 | Redland | 485 | Unigate | 2,752 |
| Br Land | 1,573 | Hawker | 833 | Reed | 297 | Unilever | 1,601 |
| Br Petrol | 9,946 | Hillsdown | 1,646 | Reuters | 490 | United Bis | 798 |
| Br Telecm | 2,871 | IMI | 563 | RMC Gp | 649 | Utd Newsa | 1,456 |
| Bunzl | 178 | ICI | 819 | RTZ | 566 | Wellcome | 868 |
| Burmah | 188 | Inchcape | 1,415 | R-Royce | 4,150 | Whitbrd | 175 |
| Burton | 4,314 | Jaguar | 1,059 | Rothmn 'B' | 144 | Williams | 1,238 |
| C&W | 1,354 | Lasmo | 1,897 | Rowntree | n/a | Wills Fab | 545 |
| Cadbury | 1,053 | Ladbroke | 2,152 | Royal Bank | 705 | Wimpey G | 2,321 |
| Coats | 5,858 | Land Sec | 979 | Royal Ins | 705 | Woolworth | 1,814 |


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|---|---|---|---|
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| £10,000+ | 8.50% | 8.19% | 11.33% |
| £5,000+ | 8.20% | 7.91% | 10.93% |
| £500+ | 7.70% | 7.44% | 10.27% |
| £1+ | 5.90% | — | 7.87% |

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|---|---|
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| £10,000+ | 11.05% |
| £5,000+ | 10.70% |
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| £1+ | 7.70% |

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TEMPUS

# Etam keeps up with fashion trends

Etam occupies a much-envied niche in the clothing market for younger women — not overly fashionable, but with a frequently changing range of products.

The group is now using its expertise to develop complementary chains in Tammy for girls, Snob for teenagers, and Peter Brown for men. Etam's broadening business should lessen the impact of a downturn in the fashion market.

1987-88 was a bumper year for Etam with profits up by more than half. This makes it harder for the group to improve upon that performance, particularly given the costs of establishing recently acquired Snob and Peter Brown.

Etam is also being faced with a difficult market in its core activities. The current year started well with like-for-like growth in the high teens. But by the end of the period, underlying sales growth had dwindled to 8 per cent. Since then the rate of growth has slowed even more, although Christmas is yet to come.

A more sophisticated management structure has been installed at Snob and Peter Brown, which has increased overheads. But these companies should be trading profitably by the end of the year, a fine achievement since they were losing more than a million pounds a year at the time of acquisition.

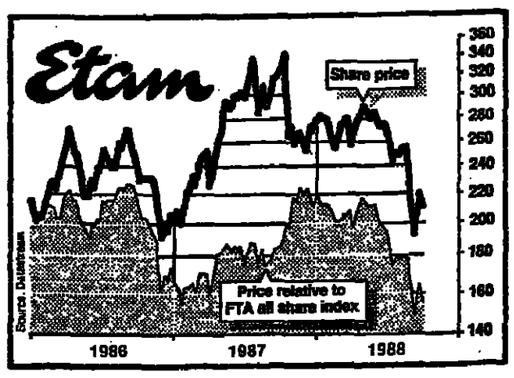
Underlying growth from these two companies in the second half is a staggering 40 per cent and 70 per cent respectively.

Etam sports a strong balance sheet which should contain about £20 million of net cash by the year-end. This is after spending £24 million on capital investment, up from £15 million in 1987-88.

The group is not on the lookout for more acquisitions, being contented with its current spread of activities. But it is searching for new sites.

By the half year-end, square footage rose from 447,000 to 538,000 or 185 trading branches compared to 172. There are plans to open 20 more outlets by the end of the year, which would add an extra 100,000 sq ft.

Forecasts for the full year are being trimmed to about £21 million, placing the shares on a p/e of 9.3 times. Takeover rumours involving Sears are probably misplaced but the business is good quality and shares should be bought on any short-term weakness.




### HTV Group

If HTV was as good at marketing its shares as it is at selling its programmes, its investors would be a good deal richer. Pre-tax profits of £14.4 million for the year to end-July were ahead 21 per cent and comfortably higher than City forecasts. This was thanks largely to strong overseas sales of programmes such as the cold war thriller *Codename Kyril*, the Windsor saga *The Woman he Loved* and the new Maigret series.

This tipped the mix of programme sales in favour of foreign earnings, which attract a lower rate of Exchequer Levy. The levy of £3.6 million compared with £5.2 million in the previous 12 months and confirmed HTV's reputation as a skilful exponent of working the levy rules to its shareholders' advantage.

The figures revealed an impeccable profits performance, coupled with financial strength. HTV's cash mountain now stands at £11.2 million — nearly a quarter of shareholders' funds — and the assets fully back the current share price of 248p, up 23p.

The shares stand on a historic yield of 6.3 per cent, rising to perhaps 6.8 per cent on a one-year view. At these levels they sell for less than 5½ times expected earnings this year. For income funds and other fans of high-yielding shares this looks excellent value. Clearly the stock market is not giving HTV the benefit of the doubt.

Part of the problem is specific to most of the regional television contractors. The economic powerhouse of London and the South-east continues to cream off advertising revenues from the regions. HTV's revenues rose 11.6 per cent to £91.1 million, but its share of the independent network income slipped slightly, to 6.37 per cent.

HTV reckons that it has in place the sales and marketing strategies which can counter this drift to the South-east, but the market wants firmer evidence of this.

The Government move to open up television contracting to independent production companies could impact more adversely on HTV than other regionals, for it has the facilities to produce considerably more Welsh-language output than the 7.5 hours per week currently contracted. It will be pitching hard for the unallocated six hours.

Meanwhile the shares look a safe hold and could move considerably higher when some of the uncertainty begins to clear.

### Control Securities

The "old firm" of Virani and Ronson continued the popular property game of pass the parcel yesterday. With a lick of paint and a bit of packaging, Nazmu Virani's Control Securities should be able to make a quick turn before the music stops.

Mr Virani specializes in buying what he describes as the "good rubbish" — feeding off the titbits handed down by bigger players such as Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation and Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh Group. In return, the vendor takes a fistful of Control shares. Unfortunately, the presence of a clutch of well-respected property tycoons on the share register has done little to turn Control into a high-rise stock.

The latest deal, in which Mr Ronson is handing over a portfolio of properties and taking half the £62 million purchase price in shares, looks tailormade for Control. Mr Virani knows how to make assets sweat, does not mind spending a bit to smarten them up and can always be relied upon to find a buyer giving him a healthy turn on the sale.

A parallel transaction in which the two parties take over a block of properties in the United States also fits in well with the Control strategy.

Mr Virani's property acquisitions underpin a growing leisure business — the latest Heron deal gives him a flagship hotel in central London — which are eventually intended to contribute about 50 per cent of profits. But Control is still perceived as a property trader. Profits have grown rapidly and the company is on course for £16 million this year.

The presence of heavyweight property interests on the register will shore up the shares, changing hands at 53p at present, but the market's reservations about the future of the property sector will probably dampen short-term interest. The shares look like ones for property professionals.

## Aurora up 20p on bid approach

By Geoffrey Foster

Shares in Aurora, the Sheffield engineering group, soared to 141p before ending 20p higher at 138p yesterday on news that Australian National Industries, the diversified Australian engineering group, had made a bid approach to the Aurora board.

ANI, which already owns a 22 per cent shareholding in Aurora, is keen to expand in Britain and would almost certainly prefer a friendly, agreed takeover.

Mr Doug Morton, the managing director of Aurora, advised shareholders to take no action and not to sell their shares.

He told *The Times*: "We had a brief discussion with ANI on Wednesday and no doubt will be having further talks in eight or nine days' time."

Analysts believe that any offer for Aurora would have to be pitched at about 150p to 160p a share, valuing the business at about £145 million, to stand a chance of success.

In 1983, Aurora was saved from the brink of collapse by a rescue package assembled by the City.

At one time its borrowings were nearly 20 times shareholders' funds.

As part of the rescue package, shareholders had to accept a reconstruction which gave them just one share for every 20 held.

Last month, Aurora reported record interim profits of £6.8 million, up from £5.1 million last year, based on sales of £73 million against £56 million.

The board then reported rising demand across all its activities.

These range from steel casting and forgings to the distribution of window hinges for the home improvement market.

# Ariadne plunges to record loss of Aus$640 million

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Ariadne, the industrial equipment, waste, glass and property group once led by Mr Bruce Judge, the New Zealand entrepreneur, yesterday revealed the biggest loss in Australian corporate history: Aus$640 million (£299 million).

"It's not an Australian record I would seek myself," Mr Barry Capp, the chairman, said. "I would have preferred swimming or athletics."

The company also said it had had to sell a further Aus$200 million of assets for cashflow to cover interest. In 1986-87, it posted a net profit of Aus$142 million.

For the year ended June 30, abnormal losses totalled Aus$599 million. Investments of Aus$527 million were written off, as were Aus$73 million in non-recoverable receivables.

Sales rose by a third, to Aus$1.6 billion. Pre-tax loss was Aus$622 million, compared with Aus$156 million profit the previous year.

Ariadne blamed last year's stock market crash for the disastrous results. The crash also caused the National Companies and Securities Commission, Australia's corporate watchdog, to demand that Mr Judge resign as chief executive of the industrial conglomerate.

Last night, Mr Judge said: "For the past nine months Ariadne has been bleeding to death because of the huge interest payments it has had to face — at least Aus$100 million." (In fact it was Aus$99.4 million.)

"All that time nothing has been happening inside Ariadne," he said. "While other entrepreneurial companies hit by the market crash were trading and realizing assets, (and) putting value back into their operations, Ariadne was doing nothing."

Mr Capp said recent asset sales — including that of its 15 per cent stake in Goode Durant, the British banking and finance group, to Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurances — would reduce debt to Aus$460 million by December. At balance date, debts totalled Aus$1.3 billion and net assets Aus$213 million.

Mr Capp thanked the 31-bank consortium which prevented Ariadne from being liquidated for being "extraordinarily supportive."

"If debt could be reduced by a further $Aus 200 million, the cash flow from remaining assets should be able to support borrowings," he said.

Mr Capp dismissed the possibility of a takeover of Ariadne by Mr Judge as "mere speculation." This had been fuelled by the recent purchase by Magenta Holdings of a 19.9 per cent stake in Ariadne for $Aus 85 million from FAI Insurances. Mr Judge owns 26 per cent of Magenta.

Curiously, after the loss was revealed Ariadne shares rose 1 cent to close at 19 cents. Before the crash they were Aus$3.50. Not surprisingly, no dividend was declared.

## Bond plans buy-back for BCI

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, is to buy back Bond Corporation International (BCI), his Hong Kong-listed investment vehicle, after less than two years as a public company.

Trading in BCI will be suspended until details of the buy-back are revealed.

Bond Corporation Holdings, Mr Bond's parent company, which controls 66.19 per cent of BCI shares, has appointed Wardleys, the merchant bank, as its financial adviser, while Indosuez Asia will advise small shareholders.

"The reason for being a listed company is no longer there," said Mr Peter Lucas, the BCI managing director yesterday.

"The stock market is merely the way in which capital is assembled and the reason for listing is to have a recognized method of accumulating capital. In Hong Kong, this is not readily available to us."

The Hong Kong stock market is in the doldrums, with an average daily turnover last month of just HK$386 million (£29.15 million), and little scope for Mr Bond to raise cash through rights issues. He is already heavily borrowed with gearing close to 100 per cent.

BCI shares have been trading at a big discount to net asset value. The shares traded at HK$1.49 before the suspension, 7 cents higher than Wednesday's price. Analysts put the net asset value at between HK$2 and HK$2.80 a share.

"We've held first class assets but this was not appreciated by the market," said Mr Lucas.

Mr Bond moved into Hong Kong in late 1986, when he bought a portfolio of luxury residential flats from Hong Kong Land for HK$1.4 billion. He injected the property into a shell company and shares in BCI began trading in January last year.

## Walker Greenbank at £6.52m

By Colin Campbell

**Walker Greenbank, the diversified car wash to invalid chair group run by Sir Anthony Jolliffe, a former Lord Mayor of London, has spent £6 million on acquisitions in the past six months and is hungry for more.**

**Interim pre-tax profits of the mini-conglomerate rose to £6.52 million (£5.12 million) in the six months ended July 30, and the interim dividend is raised to 1p a share (0.5p).**

**Sir Anthony said the group was fast developing its car wash market activities and had started talks with a view to expanding into Spain.**

**Interim group turnover was £54.6 million (£47.1 million), of which engineering interests generated 20 per cent, wall covering operations between 25 per cent and 30 per cent, shop-fitting interests 30 per cent, with medical products and other interests making up the balance. The group wants each of its operations to earn at least 10 per cent return on turnover, Sir Anthony added.**

**Gearing remains modest at 25 per cent, and cash flow positive. Net assets are estimated at about £40 million.**

**In April, Walker Greenbank strengthened its garage supplies sub-division by buying Van-Line whose activities complement those of Wilcomatic, Britain's largest supplier of automatic car washing machines.**

**Sir Anthony said: "The group already handles car washing machines and forecourt installations and can now go to oil giants and offer a total garage package including signs and pump maintenance."**

**The shares rose 3p to 117p.**



Aiming for growth: Sir Anthony Jolliffe plans to move into the Spanish car wash market

## Bowes pays £6.5m for TFL Group

By Michael Clark

Dean & Bowes Group, the designer and refurbisher of public houses and restaurants, has joined the acquisition trail with the £6.5 million purchase of the privately owned TFL Group, one of Britain's leading hotel refurbishers.

To help finance the deal and the recent purchase of two freehold properties, the group is issuing 5.2 million shares at 150p each. At least 4.35 million will be issued to TFL directors — 2.7 million have been placed by Robert Fleming, the merchant banker, but will be subject to a claw-back facility to satisfy requests from Dean & Bowes shareholders.

The deal has boosted Dean & Bowes's capitalization from £13 million to about £22 million.

In the year to June 30, TFL reported pre-tax profits of £648,000 on a turnover of £7.4 million and net assets of £810,000. Dean & Bowes had pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 of £605,000, up 60 per cent, and a 45 per cent rise in earnings per share to 5.35. The shares finished 6p lower at 159p.

Takeover looms for Buckley's Brewery

# Last orders at the Thomas Arms

By Lawrence Lever

There will be no toast to absent friends at the Thomas Arms Hotel in Llanelli, Dyfed, this morning after Buckley's Brewery stages what is likely to be its last annual meeting as an independent company.

Buckley's, which has been making its own beer since 1767, has been owned and run by Mr Peter Clowes, the former head of the Barlow Clowes empire, and Mr Guy von Cramer, his business associate.

The 53 per cent stake they built up in Buckley's has been claimed by Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, and put out to tender. Judging from the number of people photographing and making inquiries at the 130 Buckley's public houses in recent weeks, a number of people are interested in buying it.

Last February, Mr Tony Cole's attempt to win a seat on the Buckley's board was resoundingly rebutted at an extraordinary meeting. Mr Cole's Bestwood group then sold its 27.6 per cent stake to Messrs Clowes and von Cramer, who launched their bid for Buckley's an hour before last July's annual meeting.

Messrs Clowes and von Cramer eventually paid 192p a share for Buckley's but fell out after winning control. Mr von Cramer supported a plan which entailed closing the Llanelli brewery, involving heavy redundancies. Mr Clowes disagreed. The two men were forced to resign after the Barlow Clowes affair when it emerged that money belonging to Barlow Clowes investors had been used to help finance the bid.

Singer & Friedlander has seized the 53 per cent stake as security for a £5 million debt. S&F is expected to abstain at today's meeting where resolutions are due to be put to re-elect what is effectively a replacement board.

# Developer set to win vote over future of Ship Canal

By Ronald Faux

Mr John Whittaker, a property developer, yesterday tightened his hold on the Manchester Ship Canal Company against the determined opposition of many small shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the company in Manchester.

The opponents voted against two resolutions by the company that would end the in-built majority of Manchester City Council on the canal company board and authorize a new joint venture company, Ship Canal Land Ltd to borrow on the mortgage of canal company land.

Even so, Great Hey Investments, a private company owned by Mr Whittaker and the largest shareholder in the canal, looks set to secure a majority of shareholders behind the plan to change the company's constitution. The result of a ballot taken at yesterday's meeting will be announced today by the Stock Exchange.

Under this agreement, the Canal Company would repay £7 million in debentures to the council for a 19th century loan made by the council when the canal ran into financial problems in its early days. A further £3 million would be invested by Great Hey in Ship Canal Land Ltd, a company formed by Ship Canal and Manchester City Council to develop land in the east of the city. The plan has the agreement of the Labour-controlled city council but objectors remain suspicious about the intentions of Mr Whittaker's supporters.

This is in spite of a rise in the value of their shares from £1 to £18 during the three-year dispute over control.

Mr Nicholas Berry, representing five shareholders, told the meeting, which was attended by only 80 of the 3,000 canal shareholders, that a basic conflict of interest remained between Mr Whittaker and the "outside" shareholders.

Mr Donald Redford, the former chairman of the canal company and now representing the small shareholders, accused the new management of wielding a sledgehammer.

Among the fears of the opponents was the possibility that a board controlled by Mr Whittaker could push through a rights issue of ordinary shares that would water down the value of preference shares and rights of the shareholders.

The Ship Canal Company rejected the idea as groundless and mischievous. Because of the weight of proxy votes held by Mr Whittaker, yesterday's ballot should go his way and the small shareholders are left to pin their hopes on the public inquiry which will be called by the Department of Transport.

# Rockware buying CWS Glass

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Rockware, the glass-making, printing and plastics packaging group, is buying for £21.55 million the glass manufacturing interests of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

The acquisition will make Rockware at least as big as Guinness's United Glass hitherto the United Kingdom market leader.

The deal also — and importantly, as the 1992 single market nears — makes Rockware a greater force in the European market which is dominated by France's St Gobain, with a 22 per cent share, and the same country's BSN, which has 9 per cent. Rockware and UG now each have 5 to 6 per cent of the European market.

The demand for glass containers has been growing, especially in those European countries which are more ecologically aware. The biggest increase in the first half of this year came from France, where demand was up 16 per cent. In the UK it was up 2 per cent.

In addition, the deal will make Rockware the UK's biggest producer of milk bottles, because the CWS, Britain's biggest farmer, also accounted for more than a third of milk bottle production.

The result is that Rockware will probably be responsible for more than half the bottles used in doorstep delivery.

Rockware has bought at the asset and stock value of CWS Glass, which has two glass-making works — in Wigan, Greater Manchester, and Worksop, Nottinghamshire. By the year-end Rockware will have gone from virtually nil gearing to about 50 per cent borrowed, with about that level likely to continue through next year as investment calls are met.



Bottle party: Frank Davies (left) and Sir Peter Parker yesterday (Photograph: James Gray)

In glass-making the race usually goes to the biggest volume producers — except for some highly specialized sectors — so size is crucial, according to Mr Frank Davies, Rockware's chief executive.

Since the late 1970s the company has been precluded, on monopoly grounds, from bidding for Redfern, the third largest glass-maker, which has 14 per cent of the UK market compared with the now near-one-third share each of Rockware and UG.

Rockware had 23 per cent of the UK market last year, but buying CWS Glass, with its 7.5 per cent market share, will lift the company's share to about 32 per cent.

Sir Peter Parker, Rockware's chairman, said the company did not anticipate any monopoly problem to arise over the CWS deal.

Last year, CWS Glass had an operating profit of £1.4 million on sales of £28 million. Its purchase by Rockware will enable CWS to release investment cash for use elsewhere.

The company is involved in retailing as well as manufacturing, and has growing property interests.

# Coal wins TRIG battle

By Lawrence Lever

The British Coal Pension Fund has emerged victorious in its takeover battle for TR Industrial & General, the country's third largest investment trust with net assets of £614 million.

The success of the bid has important implications for the continued independence of Touche Remnant, the fund management group, which has the contract to run TRIG. The trust is Touche Remnant's largest shareholder, with 27 per cent, worth about £10 million.

Existing option arrangements give the other shareholders in Touche Remnant the right to buy TRIG's stake. These other shareholders include Liberty Mutual, the US insurance company which recently took 15 per cent of Touche, and, with the demise of TRIG, could take up more.

If the bulk of the TRIG stake in Touche went to the other eight trusts, a predator who was interested in Touche might try to gain control by picking them off.

Meanwhile, as British Coal Pension Fund announced that it now speaks for 57.7 per cent of TRIG, arrangments were being made for a meeting between the two sides.

British Coal was yesterday keeping silent as to whether it wanted to take over the management contract for the trust, which contributes about 10 per cent of Touche Remnant's earnings.

Market sources suggested yesterday that Touche would lose the contract although its loss, if it happens, would trigger pre-existing compensation arrangements which would give Touche up to two years' worth of TRIG management fees.

By Wednesday's first closing date, British Coal Pension Fund, which launched its bid with a springboard 35 per cent stake in TRIG, had won acceptances for a further 9.4 per cent.

Before revealing the level of its acceptances it went into the market and purchased a further 12.2 per cent of TRIG enabling it to announce in one go yesterday morning that it spoke for 57.7 per cent of TRIG.

British Coal paid 129.5p for the shares which it purchased in the market on Wednesday, matching its original offer price. This means that it does not have to increase its offer which has been extended until October 12.

COMMENT David Brewerton

# Nuggets of truth about the battle for ConsGold

Even as the Guinness Affair was breaking about the ears of the City, it was playing fast and loose with the rules. Whatever arguments there are about who agreed what with whom between Consolidated Gold Fields and Minorco, there are some facts which are incontrovertible:

1. The two sides had gone so far down the road towards agreeing a merger that the terms were fixed, a draft press release had been prepared, and even the suggested answers to expected media questions had been sorted out.

2. There had been a raft of takeover speculation in the ConsGold share price in the final months of 1986, the shares rising from 520p on September 1 to 670p at the end of December.

3. History does repeat itself, even if the details get changed. In November 1986, *The Times* reported: "The speculation surrounding ConsGold has been brought to a head this week with news of heavy Swiss support for the shares in traded options."

4. Neither company, nor any of its advisers, alerted the Takeover Panel to the fact that they were in talks and that the stock market was alive with rumours.

5. We will never know the whole truth of what went on in the boardroom of Charles II Street two days before Christmas.

6. The exact sequence of events has little or no bearing on the current bid.

The most likely outcome of the bid, where the row between the two sides over what happened in 1986 is nothing but an unedifying sideshow, is that Sir Gordon Borrie will read the Monopolies Commission report into the KIO shareholding in BP and conclude that what is true in that case would be doubly true should Minorco win full control of ConsGold, and recommend that the bid be referred.

That, at least, would allow the over-excited participants to take a holiday.

## Goodison's warning

Sir Nicholas Goodison and his stalwart 1992 squad yesterday sought to signal the Securities and Investments Board and Whitehall that the single European market in securities is just not on, unless the regulatory corset of the Financial Services Act can be made more compatible with the looser girdles employed by Continentals.

He renewed his warning about securities houses migrating to the lighter regulatory surroundings, if the European playing field is not levelled out a bit. What's more, other European centres — Paris for one — are catching the City up fast in the technological race in screen-based trading, again reducing the advantages London has to offer. The superficial cause of the International Stock Exchanges lastest outburst of *Angst* is the recognition that time is running out for bending the European Commission's mind on the directives that will govern the securities industry. But the real reason is that Europe gives the City yet another chance to strike a blow at the FSA.

## Abbey the lone trail-blazer

Abbey National's path to a stock market quote was never likely to be smooth after other leading building societies first dithered then halted in their tracks. Abbey will almost certainly be a lone trail-blazer, gathering both the bouquets and brick-bats that are the traditional reward of pioneers.

But the refusal of others, albeit temporary, to take advantage of the new freedoms available to building societies has subtly affected the context of Abbey's enthusiasm for PLC status. The burden of proof has shifted and Abbey's management must persuade the doubters and the agnostics that the case for conversion is overwhelming.

Of course, there are difficulties. The argument that a commercial entity must either grow or face unacceptable decline is highly questionable for a mutual society with no obligations whatever to provide increasing returns for shareholders. Indeed, according to the simple and worthy objectives of the founders of the building society movement — to promote home ownership for ordinary folk — decline would merely reflect lower demand and a job well done.

As it happens, a slow-down in the traditional demand for housing finance would seem to be inevitable over the next quarter of a century. The post-war years have seen a massive replacement of run-down housing stock and a huge increase in home ownership, which has now reached upwards of 60 per cent of households. The main impetus of these two factors has largely run its course and the demand for housing finance should shrink to lower levels. Part of that demand will in any case be met from a new source — a high level of inheritance as the post-war buyers leave their estate to relatives.

Abbey must demonstrate beyond doubt that the ability to expand by acquisition and offer additional services will necessarily benefit its existing members. And, most of all, it must overcome the entrenched feeling that there may be a conflict between the aspirations of management and those who have happily enjoyed the services of a narrowly based, but benevolent and trustworthy lending institution.

# Jacques Vert advances to £2.1m at half time

By Our City Staff

Jacques Vert, the womenswear manufacturer and retailer, listed on the Unlisted Securities Market since 1985, had pre-tax profits in the half year to July 19 of £2.1 million (£1.6 million).

No interim dividend was paid, but the board hopes to pay its first one next year.

The directors remain optimistic about current trading, saying orders for the spring are at record levels. This contrasts to some other fashion manufacturers and retailers who have experienced a slackening of activity since the middle of the year.

City forecasters are predicting pre-tax profits for the full year of £5 million.

A rate of organic growth of almost 20 per cent for the half year is being matched in the second half, and exports to North America and Europe have been an important factor. Production capacity was up and the company does not expect any new borrowings by the year-end.

# A McAlpine profit warning

By Alexandra Jackson

Shares in Alfred McAlpine, the construction company slumped from 365p to 299p yesterday — a fall of 18 per cent — as the company alerted shareholders that pre-tax profits for the year to end-October will be "significantly lower" than the £31.4 million for 1986-87.

City analysts had expected Alfred McAlpine to report maintained profits but now fear that the figure could be as low as £18 million.

More optimistic revised forecasts have stuck at nearer £25 million. The wide range in estimates stems from the uncertainty being voiced by Alfred McAlpine over the final settlement dates for the troublesome contracts.

A recent trend in the industry means that contractors are often receiving final payments for work up to two years after its completion.

More than half of Alfred McAlpine's profits last year came from construction work, half of which was civil engineering, where margins have remained slim.

Delays in receiving settlements on a wide range of work — much of which is public-sector funded — has further eroded profitability, according to Mr Bobby McAlpine, the chairman of the group.

Management problems within the construction division have added to Alfred McAlpine's difficulties, but these have now largely been resolved. Mr McAlpine said a sound base had been established for the future. Alfred McAlpine recently announced the sale of its retirement homes operation. It expects to announce soon the outcome of talks with Canberra Group.

## STC wins £65m orders from BT

British Telecom has placed a new series of telecommunications equipment orders with STC, the electronics manufacturer, worth £65 million. Mercury Communications, a rival to BT, has also placed orders with STC, worth £3.5 million. Some of the equipment for both BT and Mercury involves fibre-optic communications networks.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

**POLYMARK INTL (Int)**
*Pre-tax:* £0.88 (£0.55)m
*EPS:* 1.98 (1.71)p
*Div:* Nil
Turnover £17.04 (£15.03)m. Group is operating well and order books remain strong, the board reports.

**TULLOW OIL (Int) fr£**
*Pre-tax:* £0.01m
*EPS:* 0.03 (0.70p loss)
*Div:* Nil
Comparisons are for previous full year; 1987 pre-tax loss was £0.26m. Turnover and other income £0.36 (£0.31)m.

**BERRY, BIRCH (Int)**
*Pre-tax:* £0.26 (£0.56)m
*EPS:* 2.6 (5.5)p
*Div:* 1.5 (1.5)p
Turnover £2.98 (£2.28)m. Board recently received an approach which may lead to an offer for the company.

# United they stand

If Margaret Thatcher does not want to be part of a fully integrated Europe, then the rest of the EEC will go it alone — and Britain will eventually be forced to follow. So said Jean Francois-Poncet, once the French foreign minister under Giscard d'Estaing — at the seventh national convention of the French Chambers of Commerce in Bordeaux yesterday, which has 1992 as its theme. Now president of the Conseil Général of Lot-et-Garonne, Francois-Poncet said that, although the French government had not yet officially expressed this view, that was what it was privately thinking. "What Mrs Thatcher said was not a surprise," said Francois-Poncet. "She simply called a cat a cat in the way that only she can. But now it is time that we called a dog a dog. Europe cannot be only an economic space, it must be an economic power. If Britain does not want to be part of that, then France and Germany will lead the way. We know that we cannot build a Europe without Britain, but we cannot wait forever." As well as fiscal harmonization, he said Europe would have to have some military power, a common immigration policy and some common European legislation. The concept of sovereignty was, he said, old-fashioned. And he claimed that the crunch would come within the next 18 months unless Mrs Thatcher changed her mind. "We will move ahead in certain areas and Britain will have to catch up later." He criticized her for not joining the EMS: "Everyone in Britain wants to join except her. I have the greatest respect for her — she has worked wonders in Britain — but that does not mean that she is right about everything." Some members of her own Cabinet might agree . . .




"Any English lamb? Nissan cars?"

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

# The long life of Brion

Years before wine became a fashionable drink in Britain, Château Haut Brion had established itself as a firm favourite with the more sophisticated palates of the Square Mile. In fact, back in 1663, that other diarist, Samuel Pepys, tasted it and so enjoyed the experience that he commented upon it in his diary: "Off the Exchange with Sir J Catter and Mr Grant to the Royall Oak Tavern, in Lumbard Street, where Alexander Broome, the poet was, a merry and witty man, I believe, if he is not a little conceited; and here drank a sort of French wine called Ho Bryan, that hath a good and most particular taste that I never met with." Who said City lifestyles had changed?

## Dessert song

Sauternes, the sweet white wine which has been unfashionable since the demise of the Russian Tsars with whom it was apparently popular, is, it seems, making a comeback. Demand has increased to such an extent that its price has doubled over the past decade. But it has still, the experts here tell me, not returned to its proper price level. With sophisticated French hosts now, once again, offering it to their guests as an aperitif, Nicole Tari, owner of the Sauterne-producing Château Nairac, tells me that people need to be re-educated in how to drink Sauternes. "Traditionally it was not a dessert wine," she says. "It was designed to be drunk with the lighter first courses of a meal. After all, a sweet wine with a sweet dessert is too much. But now, connoisseurs all over the world are beginning to understand it again."

# Latour's Hare care

The French government's concern at the number of eminent wine châteaux being snapped up by the Japanese — they already own four, including La Grange in St Julien and Château Citran in Margaux — is nothing new. Pearson, the Lazards to Madame Tussaud's conglomerate, met with similar hostility 25 years ago, when it acquired its controlling 53.5 per cent interest in Château Latour. Official clearance for the purchase apparently went as high as President de Gaulle, who is reputed to have declared: "Why not? They can't take the soil away." Pearson keeps a firm British hand on Latour, in the form of Alan Hare, chief executive of Financial Times Ltd until he retired five years ago. In 1983 he took on the enviable role of president of the Société Civil du Vignoble de Château Latour. His position illustrates the prestige which the Pearson family accords to the château. After all, Hare, aged 69, and the fourth son of the fourth Earl of Listowel, is the uncle of Lord Blakenham, Pearson's present chairman. And the family ties run deeper still — Blakenham is married to Hare's daughter Marcia.

● *The ties between Britain and Bordeaux, which date back to the 14th and 15th centuries, when the region was officially part of Britain, live on, often in unexpected ways. They still drive on the left on one main Bordeaux thoroughfare — the Avenue Xavier Arnozan.*

Carol Leonard
*in Bordeaux*

# Dividend is held at Austin Reed

By Alexandra Jackson

Disappointing current trading at Austin Reed, the clothing retailer and manufacturer, has led the directors to maintain the interim dividend at 3p, despite an increase in pre-tax profits in the six months to August 13 from £2.6 million to £3 million.

Trading in the group's retail stores in London suffered during the half year with results falling short of budgets. The lack of overseas visitors combined with rising interest rates dampened demand for Austin Reed's products.

Mr Barry Reed, the group chairman said this trend has continued during the second half although sales are still ahead year on year. But he added that activity in the provinces was reasonable and wholesale and export businesses had fared well.

Retail operations account for about three quarters of group sales which were £38 million in the half year (£34 million). Underlying retail growth was 7 per cent and some of the group's 41 British stores have been refurbished.

Mr Reed is optimistic about the group's longer term prospects. He said: "The recent deterioration in UK terms of trade coupled with the steep rise in interest rates may impact our domestic sales in the second half of the year, but the planned developments in our retail and manufacturing operations give us confidence in the mid-term."

Nissan's Utopian car factory in Sunderland is turning out 50,000 Bluebird cars a year. But are they British or Japanese?
The French say Japanese, and want to apply a quota.
The British (and Nissan) disagree.
This week The Economist asks - will the Bluebirds ever get beyond the white cliffs of Dover?
The Economist

Entertainers and companies discover the benefits of barter

# Bringing home the bacon

By Robin Young

There is a 6,000-ton sweetener attached to the contract awarded to the Pig Improvement Company of Fyfield Wick, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, for the export of thoroughbred pigs to Cuba.

The company's payment will be 6,000 tons of sugarcane.

Similarly, the Wright Rain Company of Ringwood, Hampshire, is about to add to the banana market as the result of a deal to supply irrigation equipment to Belize.

More and more British companies are asking to be paid in anything but cash when dealing with Third World countries that have uncertain economies.

The Department of Trade and Industry says such counter-trade or barter deals are now the only way of breaking into many markets.

Eddy Grant, the reggae singer, was paid in furniture after a tour of Poland, and cleared a large profit on the deal, while the Dutch firm Philips sold electronic accessories and measuring equipment to Albania in return for Albanian cement and tobacco.

In the next issue of the *FT International Trade Finance Report*, Mr Alan Spence, its editor, reports that Britain's £1 billion deal to sell 12 Tornado jet fighters, a number of howitzers and other military hardware to Malaysia is to be partly paid for in palm oil, natural gas, tin and rubber. Rank Xerox assembles photocopiers in Bulgaria and is largely paid in Bulgarian beer.

Mr Hans Peters, editor of *Counter-Trade and Barter*, said: "Deals like these are going on constantly. It is the only way many countries can pay."

It took two years to negotiate the deal whereby the Pig Improvement Company supplied Cuba with 1,000 breeding pigs, worth £750,000, in return for sugar.

The company's overseas project manager, Mr John Gibson, said three consignments of sugar would be flown to Geneva, starting next spring. The sugar will be sold for the Pig Improvement Company in Switzerland by Gill and Duffus, the commodity broker.

In the case of Wright Rain's deal to sell £1 million worth of irrigation equipment to Belize, the bananas it will receive in return will be sold to Fyffes, the British marketing partner of the Belize banana industry. Wright Rain will receive a percentage on every box.

Mr Norman Murphy, publicity manager for Wright Rain, said: "We will be as right as rain as long as there is not a glut of bananas, or people get a health warning."

Such things can happen. Abba, the Swedish pop group, lost heavily when the price of Romanian oil, in which it had been paid, collapsed, and McDonnell Douglas, the American airline manufacturer, was once embarrassed over a deal struck in Yugoslavian hams.

The company had so many that its supplies flooded the supermarkets, and when it tried to get rid of the surplus by putting Yugoslavian ham on the menu at McDonnell Douglas canteens, the workforce went out on strike after a month in protest.

# Swallowfield's whiff of success



USM listing in the can: Tony Wardell hopes to raise £2.25m through the USM placing

By Michael Clark

**Swallowfield, which argues that it was the first commercial producer of aerosols in this country, takes its bow on the Unlisted Securities Market next week.**

**County NatWest, the securities house, is arranging a placing of 3.06 million shares, or 31.4 per cent of the issued share capital, at 145p a share, which will give the entire company a price tag of £14.1 million.**

**Mr Tony Wardell, the chairman, expects the placing to raise a net £2.25 million and says the proceeds will help finance future acquisitions and broaden the group's range of products, possibly "outside the aerosol market".**

**Swallowfield produces aerosol toiletry and household products, supplying many leading supermarket chains. It plans to switch production to a form of aerosol that is claimed to be less damaging to the environment.**

**Swallowfield started life as Walter Gregory and was later owned by both Jeyes and Cadbury Schweppes before Mr Wardell and his colleagues decided on a management buyout.**

**Swallowfield's pre-tax profits have grown from £149,000 in 1983 to £1.33 million in the year to January 2 last, on turnover of £12.7 million. For the current year, the group forecasts pre-tax profits of £1.85 million. The shares come to the market on a p/e of 10.2.**

# Colefax & Fowler in £9.9m US purchase

By Geoffrey Foster

Colefax & Fowler, the upmarket interior design company which has worked on Buckingham Palace and stately and country homes, is establishing itself in the US with the $16.8 million (£9.9 million) acquisition of Cowtan and Tout, a New York designer and distributor of traditional fabrics and wallpapers.

The price will be satisfied by $425,399 in cash and the issue of 7.5 million new ordinary shares in C&F, of which 1.4 million will be retained by the vendors and the balance placed at 130p a share. They will offered to shareholders on a 20-for-41 basis.

The board of C&F, which brought the company to the Unlisted Securities Market in the summer, forecasts pre-tax profits of not less than £690,000 for the half year ending this month (compared with £498,000 last year) and expects to pay an interim dividend of 1.1p a share.

The 1988 wallpaper collection — launched in May — is now generating increased sales for wallpaper products and initial reaction to the Halkin fabric collection, released in September, has been good, the board says.

Colefax & Fowler already distributes Cowtan and Tout's products outside America and Canada, and the purchase of C and T will enable it to exercise tighter controls over the distribution of its products in its largest export market — the US — for fabrics and wallpapers. It will also allow controlled distribution in that market over a much wider base.

More than 70 per cent of Cowtan and Tout's products are manufactured in Britain and Europe by suppliers which are also used by Colefax. This will benefit both companies in the production of joint collections and the strengthening of C&F's relationships with its suppliers.

# UTC interims double to record £2.6m

By Our City Staff

All is not gloom and doom for companies dependent on Stock Exchange activity, at least, not if yesterday's impressive half-year results from UTC Group, the USM-listed stockbroking and corporate finance company, are any guide.

For the half-year to June 30, pre-tax profits more than doubled from £1.1 million to a record £2.6 million, on turnover up nearly 49 per cent to £9.35 million. The interim dividend is increased to 4p net from 3p.

Shareholders are also being offered a scrip issue in preference shares — one new preference for every 10 ordinary shares held.

Record earnings arose from active corporate finance and investment transactions mainly involving mergers and acquisition work. This helped compensate for the relatively low level of broking activity, but the board is confident that UTC, with cash balances of about £14 million, is in a good position to take full advantage of more favourable conditions.

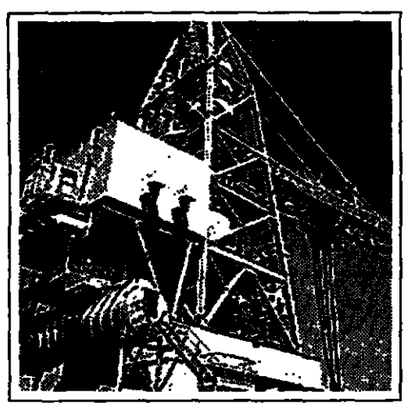
Non-Stock Exchange areas of UTC's business also had good results. Pepper Angliss and Yarwood had record profits on strong demand for its property agency and valuation services, and Hirshfields is on course to achieve its warranted profits of £500,000 for the year.

# BHH soars at half time

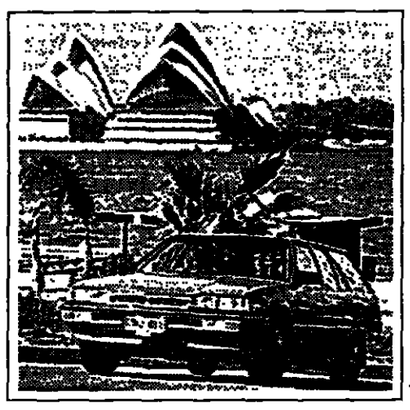
BHH Group, the USM-quoted property investment and construction group — formerly known as Berkeley and Hay Hill Investments — reports a 248 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.7 million for the six months to June 30.

Turnover jumped by 183 per cent to £22.4 million. Earnings per share rose to 5p — up 198 per cent. The company has also announced its first interim dividend, of 1.25p per share.

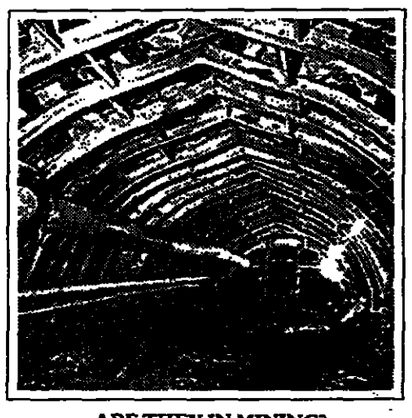

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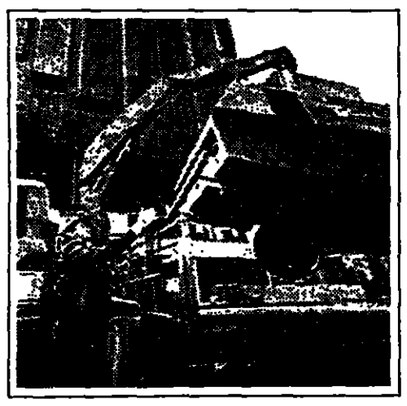
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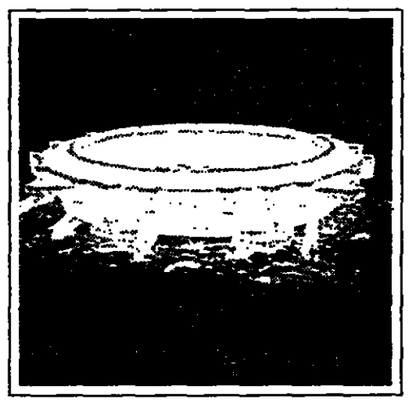
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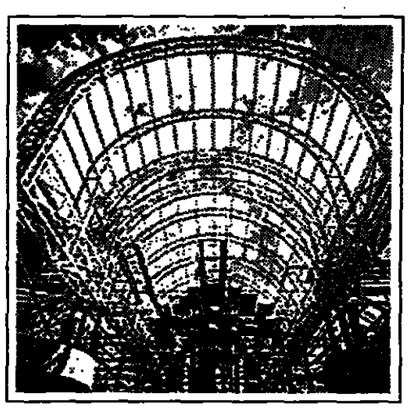
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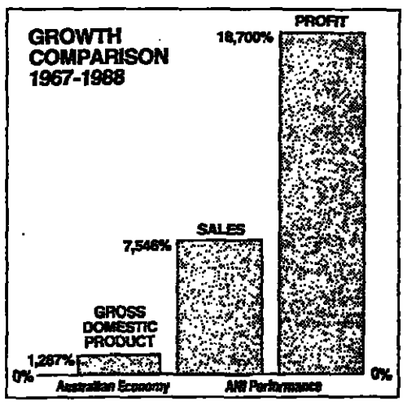
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## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Acorn Inv | 85 +2 |
| BMSS (118p) | 119 +1 |
| Bucknall Aust (110p) | 116 |
| Builder Gp (125p) | 161 |
| Caldwell Inv | 38 |
| Christie Grp (145p) | 168 +2 |
| Colonnade | 140 +2 |
| Colroy (150p) | 160 |
| Cupid | 110 |
| Erostin Group (165p) | 185 |
| European Colour | 25 |
| Heritage (95p) | 103 |
| Herring Son (150p) | 158 +2 |
| Hi-Tech Sports | 143 +1 |
| Lincat Group (115p) | 168 |
| Mitsubishi Bank | £127⅝ -1⅛ |
| Nat Telecom | 152 +3 |
| Palmerston Hldgs. | 225 |
| Rentaminster | 61 |
| Rockfort | 109 +1 |
| Saunderson Elec (130p) | 146 |
| Saville (126p) | 119 +1 |
| SCRcorp | £19⅞ +⅛ |
| Siverfield-R (80p) | 94 +1 |
| Sonic Tape (15p) | 10½ +½ |
| Specialeyes | 82 |
| Tamaris | 57 |
| Tams (John) (80p) | 90 |
| Thomsons (125p) | 128 +1 |
| Zurich Group | 55 +1 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cannon St N/P | 17 -3 |
| Elliott-(B) N/P | 11 |
| Ellis & Everard N/P | 15 |
| First Tech N/P | 20 -2 |
| Honorbilt N/P | 7 +½ |
| Kenyon N/P | 13 |
| Lynx Tech N/P | 3 -3 |
| Thompson Clive NP | 125 |
| Waca N/P | 27 +2 |

(Issue price in brackets).

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Oct | Jan | Apr | Puts Oct | Jan | Apr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allid Lyon... | 420 | 47 | 60 | 73 | 5 | 16 | 23 |
| ('459) | 460 | 19 | 36 | 50 | 18 | 33 | 40 |
| | 500 | 7 | 22 | 32 | 47 | 57 | 62 |
| Bass... | 700 | 167 | 177 | 127 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| ('803) | 750 | 57 | 73 | 93 | 4 | 16 | 22 |
| | 800 | 18 | 37 | 57 | 17 | 37 | 46 |
| Brit Air... | 140 | 30 | 31 | 36 | 1 | 2½ | 4 |
| ('167) | 160 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 3½ | 7 | 11 |
| | 180 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 22 |
| Brit Com... | 220 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 6 | 12 | 15 |
| ('222) | 240 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 25 | 28 |
| | 260 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 40 | 43 | 45 |
| Brit Gas... | 160 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| ('174) | 180 | 2 | 7½ | 10 | 9 | 10½ | 14 |
| | 200 | ¼ | 3¼ | 3¾ | 27 | 27 | 28 |
| BP... | 220 | 24 | 31 | 33 | 1½ | 4½ | 6¼ |
| ('242) | 240 | 7 | 16¼ | 19 | 41½ | 11½ | 16 |
| | 260 | 1½ | 8 | 10 | 20 | 22½ | 31 |
| Cons Gold... | 1600 | 270 | 305 | 325 | 5 | 13 | 24 |
| ('1253) | 1100 | 170 | 225 | 245 | 8 | 30 | 42 |
| | 1200 | 90 | 155 | 185 | 29 | 60 | 72 |
| Courtauld... | 390 | 6½ | 20 | 28 | 14 | 24 | 28 |
| ('293) | 330 | 1½ | 10 | 16 | 40 | 44 | 46 |
| | 360 | ¼ | 4 | 8 | 70 | 70 | 72 |
| Cow Union... | 330 | 17 | 34 | 40 | 4 | 12 | 21 |
| ('341) | 360 | 3 | 18 | 24 | 22 | 28 | 38 |
| | 390 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 50 | 52 | 60 |
| C & W... | 330 | 53 | 73 | 83 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| ('392) | 360 | 37 | 50 | 60 | 2½ | 10 | 15 |
| | 390 | 12 | 27 | 40 | 10 | 20 | 27 |
| GEC... | 140 | 20 | 24 | 23 | 1 | 2½ | 5 |
| ('159) | 160 | 3½ | 10 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| | 180 | 1 | 3½ | 7 | 22 | 28 | 28 |
| GRN... | 300 | 18 | 31 | 40 | 4 | 8 | 15 |
| ('316) | 330 | 3½ | 16 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 28 |
| | 360 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 49 | 50 | 55 |
| Grand Met... | 420 | 34 | – | – | 4 | – | – |
| ('452) | 460 | 7½ | 27 | 34 | 20 | 28 | 38 |
| | 500 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 57 | 58 | 63 |
| | 550 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 107 | 107 | 110 |
| ICI... | 900 | 137 | 165 | – | 1 | 5 | – |
| ('1034) | 950 | 87 | 120 | 133 | 1 | 8 | 21 |
| | 1000 | 43 | 80 | 93 | 8 | 24 | 33 |
| | 1100 | 4½ | 33 | 44 | 72 | 80 | 97 |
| Jaguar... | 240 | 20 | 32 | 40 | 4 | 10 | 16 |
| ('257) | 280 | 5½ | 20 | 27 | 10 | 17 | 25 |
| | 300 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 28 | 31 | 38 |
| | 320 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 47 | 48 | 55 |
| Land Sec... | 500 | 82 | 90 | 108 | 1¼ | 5 | 10 |
| ('579) | 550 | 32 | 48 | 63 | 4 | 14 | 20 |
| | 600 | 5 | 18 | 30 | 27 | 37 | 42 |
| M & S... | 140 | 34 | 37 | 38 | 1 | 2¾ | 4 |
| ('172) | 160 | 14½ | 19 | 28 | 1¼ | 5 | 7 |
| | 180 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 16 |
| R-Royce... | 120 | 16½ | 22 | 28 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| ('136) | 130 | 7½ | 14½ | 19 | 2½ | 5½ | 9 |
| | 140 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 7½ | 11 | 14 |
| STC... | 280 | 27 | 37 | 43 | 2½ | 8 | 10 |
| ('284) | 300 | 10 | 24 | 29 | 8 | 13 | 16 |
| | 320 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 26 | 24 | 28 |
| Sainsbury... | 320 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 12 |
| ('199) | 340 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 25 | 25 |
| | 360 | ½ | 1 | – | 62 | 62 | – |
| Shell... | 950 | 30 | 57 | 83 | 14 | 32 | 46 |
| ('962) | 1000 | 9 | 32 | 53 | 45 | 62 | 75 |
| | 1100 | 1½ | 9 | 18 | 145 | 146 | 155 |
| Shorko... | 180 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 15 |
| ('188) | 200 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 18 | 23 | 24 |
| | 220 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 35 | 37 | 38 |
| Trafalgar... | 280 | 36 | 42 | 44 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| ('317) | 300 | 20 | 26 | 32 | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| | 320 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 20 | 30 | 32 |
| TSB... | 90 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ('110) | 100 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 110 | 2½ | 6½ | 8 | 3½ | 5 | 7 |
| Utd Biscs... | 280 | 31 | 38 | 45 | 1½ | 6 | 8 |
| ('288) | 300 | 15 | 24 | 33 | 5 | 13 | 16 |
| Vaux... | 210 | 40 | 52 | 59 | 3 | 10 | 20 |
| ('253) | 235 | 27 | 40 | 50 | 9 | 16 | 30 |
| | 255 | 15 | 32 | 40 | 18 | 30 | 40 |
| Woolworth... | 200 | 7 | 18 | 24 | 12 | 15 | 19 |
| ('253) | 220 | 1½ | 8 | 15 | 30 | 32 | 33 |
| | 300 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 48 | 48 | 48 |

| | Series | Calls Dec | Mar | Jun | Puts Dec | Mar | Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glaxo... | 900 | 214 | 232 | – | 3 | 9 | – |
| ('1108) | 950 | 164 | 192 | – | 6 | 16 | – |
| | 1000 | 115 | 146 | – | 17 | 25 | – |
| | 1100 | 50 | 90 | – | 52 | 67 | – |
| Hanson... | 130 | 22 | 22 | – | 1½ | 2¾ | – |
| ('150) | 140 | 13 | 16½ | 16½ | 3¾ | 4¾ | 5¾ |
| | 160 | 2¾ | 5¾ | 7¼ | 15½ | 15¾ | 16¾ |
| Hawker... | 480 | 70 | 83 | – | 4 | 8 | – |
| ('518) | 500 | 36 | 57 | 65 | 13 | 20 | 28 |
| | 550 | 17 | 28 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 55 |
| Hillsdown... | 280 | 22 | 34 | 37 | 8 | 11 | 15 |
| ('276) | 300 | 10 | 20 | 26 | 16 | 19 | 23 |
| | 320 | 5 | 11 | – | 33 | 35 | – |
| Lasmo... | 220 | 115 | – | – | 1 | – | – |
| ('332) | 240 | 88 | – | – | 2 | – | – |
| | 260 | 62 | – | – | 3 | – | – |
| Midland... | 380 | 43 | 53 | 58 | 4 | 12 | 15 |
| ('421) | 420 | 20 | 33 | 40 | 13 | 23 | 28 |
| | 460 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 43 | 50 | 53 |
| Sears... | 120 | 18 | 25 | 29 | 5½ | 8 | 9¾ |
| ('133) | 130 | 12½ | 18 | 22½ | 9 | 12 | 14 |
| | 140 | 8 | 14½ | 19 | 15½ | 16 | 20 |
| Tesco... | 120 | 13 | 19 | 21 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| ('136) | 140 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| | 160 | 2¼ | 6 | – | 26 | 27 | – |
| Thorn EMI... | 600 | 80 | 72 | 90 | 8 | 20 | 25 |
| ('640) | 650 | 39 | 42 | 55 | 25 | 37 | 44 |
| | 700 | 13 | 23 | – | 65 | 73 | – |
| THF... | 240 | 39 | 45 | 52 | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| ('268) | 260 | 25 | 33 | 41 | 13 | 21 | 24 |
| | 280 | 14½ | 23 | 31 | 24 | 32 | 35 |
| Unilever... | 420 | 56 | 69 | 78 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| ('467) | 460 | 24 | 42 | 51 | 14 | 20 | 26 |
| | 500 | 9 | 22 | 30 | 38 | 41 | 45 |
| Wellcome... | 480 | 73 | 90 | 103 | 5 | 9 | 12 |
| ('526) | 500 | 40 | 61 | 75 | 15 | 22 | 26 |
| | 550 | 16 | 36 | 49 | 42 | 47 | 52 |

| | Series | Nov | Jan | – | Nov | Jan | – |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BBA... | 280 | 38 | 43 | – | 12 | 17 | – |
| ('380) | 360 | 17 | 27 | – | 25 | 30 | – |
| | 420 | 7 | 16 | – | 45 | 52 | – |

| | Series | Nov | Feb | May | Nov | Feb | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA... | 285 | 19 | – | – | 5½ | – | – |
| ('276) | 300 | 9 | 16 | 24 | 11 | 16 | 18 |
| Brit Aero... | 420 | 70 | 86 | 95 | 2 | 6 | 13 |
| ('466) | 460 | 36 | 57 | 68 | 9 | 15 | 25 |
| | 500 | 13 | 33 | 44 | 27 | 34 | 47 |
| | 550 | 2 | 14 | 23 | 70 | 76 | 76 |
| BAT Ind... | 360 | 57 | 68 | 75 | 1½ | 5½ | 11 |
| ('441) | 420 | 31 | 46 | 53 | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| | 480 | 9½ | 28 | 35 | 27 | 33 | 40 |
| Brit Tele... | 220 | 21 | 31 | 38 | 1½ | 3½ | 5 |
| ('245) | 240 | 12 | 17 | 24 | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| | 260 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 23 |
| Cadbury... | 360 | 53 | 70 | 78 | 3½ | 13 | 15 |
| ('374) | 380 | 35 | 52 | 58 | 14 | 24 | 28 |
| | 390 | 19 | 35 | 42 | 28 | 40 | 45 |
| | 420 | 10 | 24 | 33 | 52 | 60 | 63 |
| Guinness... | 220 | 55 | 62 | – | 1½ | 2 | – |
| ('229) | 230 | 34 | 45 | 50 | 2½ | 5 | 6 |
| | 240 | 18 | 29 | 36 | 11 | 14 | 20 |
| | 260 | 2 | 13 | 18 | 34 | 34 | 36 |
| Ladbroke... | 360 | 75 | 88 | – | 1 | 4 | – |
| ('466) | 420 | 46 | 58 | 65 | 4 | 10 | 13 |
| | 460 | 18 | 31 | 40 | 18 | 24 | 28 |
| LASMO... | 500 | 69 | 85 | 106 | 16 | 30 | 39 |
| ('569) | 550 | 38 | 65 | 78 | 52 | 52 | 60 |
| | 600 | 18 | 38 | 56 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
| Pilkington... | 180 | 28 | 40 | 48 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ('214) | 200 | 19 | 29 | 38 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| | 220 | 7 | 19 | 18 | 12 | 17 | 20 |
| | 240 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 29 | 31 | 32 |
| Plessey... | 140 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 1½ | 5 | 6½ |
| ('158) | 160 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| | 180 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| P & O... | 580 | 62 | 100 | 106 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| ('684) | 550 | 40 | 68 | 87 | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| | 600 | 11 | 39 | 52 | 35 | 37 | 47 |
| Prudential... | 160 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| ('158) | 170 | 2 | – | – | 14 | – | – |
| | 180 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| Racal... | 280 | 38 | 49 | 59 | 5 | 11 | 15 |
| ('310) | 300 | 24 | 36 | 47 | 12 | 20 | 25 |
| | 320 | 10 | 24 | 33 | 28 | 33 | 42 |
| RTZ... | 380 | 62 | 75 | 84 | 4 | 10 | 12 |
| ('441) | 400 | 38 | 55 | 65 | 10 | 20 | 25 |
| | 460 | 13 | 35 | 45 | 28 | 35 | 44 |
| Vaal Reefs... | 60 | 8 | 12 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| ('360) | 70 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 14 |
| | 80 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 23 |
| 7% '12% | 105 | 2⅝ | 2½ | – | ⅜ | ½ | – |
| 1985 | 105 | 1⅝ | 1⅞ | – | 1⅛ | 1⅜ | – |
| ('108) | 110 | ⅞ | 1⅛ | – | 2⅛ | 2⅝ | – |
| | 112 | ½ | ¾ | – | 4⅛ | 4 | – |

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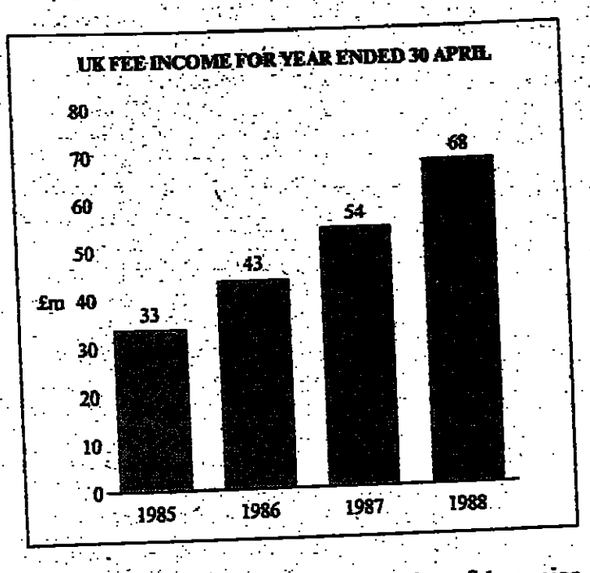
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1700 | 140 | 142 | 152 | 152 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 23 |
| 1750 | 93 | 100 | 115 | 113 | 16 | 23 | 29 | 35 |
| 1800 | 58 | 63 | 73 | 83 | 32 | 34 | 43 | 53 |
| 1850 | 29 | 36 | 47 | 55 | 45 | 58 | 65 | 77 |
| 1900 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 35 | 80 | 80 | 100 | 105 |
| 1950 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 22 | 128 | 132 | 133 | 137 |
| 2000 | 1 | 3 | – | – | 178 | 180 | – | – |

October 6, 1988 Total: 40061 Calls 27063 Puts 13098
*Underlying security price.
FT-SE: Calls 2116 Puts 3216

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Last year we dedicated much of our management effort to ensuring that the firm is well equipped to continue helping clients prosper in the 1990s and beyond.

We began restructuring our business to reflect the markets we serve, rather than the services we market.

We recognised that for each client there should be one partner taking overall responsibility for every aspect of service provided, irrespective of how many other specialists may be involved.

We developed a number of exciting new client services, like Spicers Centre for Europe and our financial services strategic consulting practice described below.

We adopted a common name on both sides of the Atlantic and introduced a new corporate identity for Spicer & Oppenheim International worldwide.

Above all, we reaffirmed our commitment to a strategy which offers the business community some very distinct benefits.

Benefits which include access to one of the largest commercially aware and highly skilled practices dedicated to ambitious entrepreneurs (what we call "owner managed businesses").

Plus the extensive experience we've gained from advising in a number of specialised markets like agriculture, property, and these major service industries:

- the professions – in the legal profession, for example, we advise over half of the top 60 firms in the country;
- the financial services industry – we audit more Securities Association members of the International Stock Exchange than any other firm and act for half of the 20 largest Lloyd's underwriting agents;
- the marketing services sector – we audit more of the public companies listed in Campaign magazine's marketing services index than any other firm;

**Public and large corporations.**

The acid test of a public company's prosperity is its growth in earnings per share.

According to recent research published in the Hambro Company Guide, the average growth-rate in earnings per share of Spicer & Oppenheim clients is second only to the clients of another well known firm in Surrey Street.

As most large companies are well able to manage their own routine financial affairs, it is in the more specialised areas that we have been adding value.

For instance, in just nine months our Computer and Systems Performance Analysis (CASPA) team carried out 20 substantial projects to improve computer efficiency.

Our newly-launched Customs planning and advisory service is already saving clients money. An increasing number of VAT reviews have done the same.

Our mainstream consulting practice Spicers Consulting Group has extended its national coverage to assist more businesses in the Midlands and the Northwest.

And last year Spicers Executive Selection handled its first recruitment assignment involving a remuneration package of £100,000 p.a.

**Owner managed businesses.**

Our "owner managed business" practice embraces a diverse range from professional partnerships to aspiring public companies. But they all have one thing in common.

They want good practical advice from someone who understands their business, is commercially aware and readily accessible.

That's why we have continued our policy of seconding many of our future partners into commerce. And why we introduced regular staff training on commercial topics, sometimes involving the leading business schools.

If we didn't have a commercial approach, we would not have advised on acquisitions, mergers and similar transactions worth over £500 million last year. And Spicers Corporate Finance would not be the thriving business it is.

It's the same commercial approach which prompted us to acquire and develop Spicers Centre for Europe, now probably the premier EC accredited source of advice and information on developments taking place in Europe.

And we hope it's the same commercial approach which attracts to us management buyout clients like National Express and companies going public like London Forfaiting.

As for accessibility, our regional network of 24 offices is now one of the strongest in Britain. (We opened a couple more in Chester and London's West End last year.)

**Financial services industry.**

Radical changes after "Big Bang" and the worldwide stock market turmoil brought in their wake frequent calls for technical and management advice.

Last year some 50 members of The Securities Association sought our advice on how to comply with the new regulations. And our popular industry workshops continued throughout the period.

Spicer & Oppenheim Consultants provided strategic advice to 25 financial institutions and securities firms in 10 countries.

Demand has grown for our international tax expertise and for tax based financial products.

And now over 3,000 people in the industry receive our senior management newsletter "Securities Industry Update" at their own request.

**Corporate recovery and insolvency.**

Few insolvency practices are identified with the role of helping businesses prosper. But at Spicer & Oppenheim & Partners the number one priority is just that.

Putting a troubled business back on the road to recovery is often as good for the creditors as it is for the owners.

Recognising this, we appointed a nationally recognised expert to head our "viability study" services.

A number of other new appointments increased our resources throughout the country.

We helped clients facing bad debt problems by attending creditors' meetings on their behalf.

And we helped others to introduce better credit control systems.

This is not the work which makes the headlines (unlike when the Court instructed us to sequestrate the NUS assets). But then most good work goes unnoticed.

**The future.**

The firm has been left in fine shape by our recently retired and much respected senior partner Eddie Ray, CBE.



*From left to right: Clive Bastin: National managing partner. Christopher Wheatcroft: Managing partner, Public and large corporations practice. Peter Oliver: Managing partner, Financial services industry practice. Roger Cheesley: Managing partner, Owner managed businesses practice. Richard Turton: Managing partner, Corporate recovery and insolvency practice. David Young: Senior partner, Spicer & Oppenheim UK. Chairman, Spicer & Oppenheim International.*

The new financial year has continued to show significant growth in our business, with work done for the first quarter 24% ahead of last year.

With the breadth of skills and depth of client commitment shared by staff and partners alike, we are well equipped to maintain our position as one of the leading advisers to British business.

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## WALL STREET

| | Oct 5 | Oct 4 |
|---|---|---|
| AMR Cp | 48¾ | 48¼ |
| ASA | 38 | 38¼ |
| Aetna Life | 51½ | 51 |
| Allied Signal | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Allis Chlm | ½ | ½ |
| Alcoa | 54¼ | 53¾ |
| Amax Inc | 21½ | 20¾ |
| AMR Hess | 26⅝ | 26½ |
| Am Brands | 54 | 54 |
| Am Cynmd | 48¾ | 47¾ |
| Am Ele Pwr | 27 | 27 |
| Amexs | 28 | 28 |
| Am Family | 13⅝ | 13½ |
| Am Home | 80¼ | 79¾ |
| Am Int Grp | 66⅝ | 66⅛ |
| Am Telph | 26¼ | 26 |
| Amoco Cp | 72⅜ | 72½ |
| Anheuser B | 32 | 32¼ |
| Arch Dan | 20⅝ | 20 |
| Armco Steel | 10¾ | 10⅝ |
| Asarco Inc | 25½ | 25 |
| Ashland Oil | 32¼ | 22½ |
| Atl Richfld | 76¼ | 76¼ |
| Avon Prod | 24⅜ | 24⅝ |
| Bk Boston | 27⅜ | 26¾ |
| Bank NY | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Bankamer | 16¼ | 16⅜ |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 38⅜ | 38⅝ |
| Baxter | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Beth Steel | 20⅜ | 20¼ |
| Boeing | 64½ | 63¾ |
| Boise Casc | 44¾ | 44½ |
| Borden | 54¼ | 54⅜ |
| Bristl Meyr | 44¼ | 43⅝ |
| BP | 49 | 48¾ |
| Brunswick | 19¼ | 19⅛ |
| Burl Ntn | 71⅜ | 71 |
| CBS | 175¾ | 172⅜ |
| CMS Engy | 22¾ | 22⅜ |
| CPC Int | 52 | 51¾ |
| CSX Cp | 30⅜ | 30¼ |
| Camp Soup | 30½ | 30⅜ |
| Can Pacific | 17⅞ | 18 |
| Caterpillar | 57¾ | 58 |
| Centrl SW | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| Champion | 34¼ | 33¾ |
| Chase Man | 29¼ | 29⅛ |
| Chem Bank | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| Chevron | 43¾ | 42⅝ |
| Chrysler | 24¾ | 24½ |
| Citicorp | 25¼ | 25⅝ |
| Clark Eq | 29¼ | 28½ |
| Coca Cola | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Colgate | 46⅜ | 45⅝ |
| Colmb Gas | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Cmb'n Eng | 30¾ | 30½ |
| Cmwlth Ed | 31⅜ | 30½ |
| Cons Eds | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Consol Ng | 38¾ | 38¼ |
| Cont Data | 21¾ | 21½ |
| Corning Gl | 60¾ | 60¼ |
| Crane | 30¾ | 30¾ |
| Curtiss W | 50¾ | 49¾ |
| Data Genl | 19¼ | 19 |
| Deere Co | 45¼ | 44¾ |
| Delta Airl | 50¾ | 50 |
| Detroit Edi | 15¾ | 15¾ |
| Digital Eq | 88¼ | 92 |
| Disney | 64¾ | 64¾ |
| Dow Chem | 88⅜ | 88¾ |
| Dressr Ind | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Dupont | 80¾ | 80¾ |
| Duke Pwr | 46 | 45½ |
| East Kodak | 46¾ | 45¾ |
| Eaton Cp | 52¾ | 52¾ |
| Emerson El | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Emery Air | 5¾ | 5¾ |
| Exxon | 44¾ | 44 |
| Farah Inc | 11⅜ | 11¼ |
| Fedders | 10¼ | 10¾ |
| Fst Chicago | 33 | 33⅞ |
| Fst Int Bncp | 50¼ | 50 |
| Fst Penn C | 12¾ | 12¼ |
| FT Wachva | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Ford Motor | 51½ | 51½ |
| GAF Cp | 48¾ | 48¾ |
| GTE Cp | 43¾ | 43 |
| Gen Cp | 20 | 20¼ |
| Gn Dynam | 50¾ | 50½ |
| Gen Electric | 43 | 42¾ |
| Gen Inst | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Gen Mills | 52¾ | 52 |
| Gen Motors | 74½ | 75 |
| Gen Pub Ut | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Genesco | 5¼ | 5¼ |
| Georgia Pac | 35½ | 35¼ |
| Gillette | 34¾ | 34¾ |
| Goodrich | 57½ | 56¾ |
| Goodyear | 53¾ | 57¼ |
| Gould Inc | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| Grace Co | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| Grt Atl Pac | 47¼ | 48¾ |
| Greyhnd | 23¾ | 24 |
| Grumman | 22 | 21¾ |
| Gulf Westn | 40 | 39¾ |
| Heinz | 48¾ | 45¾ |
| Hercules | 46½ | 46 |
| Hewlett Pk | 48¾ | 49¼ |
| Honeywell | 63¾ | 63¼ |
| IC Ind | 36¾ | 36¼ |
| ITT Cp | 48¾ | 49½ |
| INCO | 30¾ | 30¾ |
| Ing Rand Wi | 33¾ | 34¼ |
| Inland Steel | 37 | 37¼ |
| IBM | 113¾ | 114½ |
| Int Paper | 45¾ | 45¼ |
| Irving Bk | 73¾ | 69¾ |
| Jhsn & Jhsn | 65¼ | 65¾ |
| K Mart | 37¾ | 38 |
| Kasantech | 18¾ | 18¼ |
| Kerr McGee | 36¾ | 36¼ |
| Kimbrly Clrk | 62¾ | 58¾ |
| Kraft | 59¾ | 58½ |
| Kroger | 58¼ | 55¼ |
| LTV Cp | 2½ | 2½ |
| Litton | 71½ | 71¾ |
| Lockheed | 41¼ | 40¾ |
| Lone Star | 32¾ | 32¼ |
| Man H'river | 27¾ | 28 |
| Manville | 2¾ | 2¾ |
| Mapco | 55¼ | 54½ |
| Marriott | 31½ | 30¾ |
| Mt Manieta | 42 | 41¾ |
| Masco Cp | 25¾ | 26¼ |
| Mcdonalds | 48¾ | 47¾ |
| McDonnell | 72 | 71¾ |
| Mead Cp | 44¼ | 43¾ |
| Merck | 57¾ | 57½ |
| Minsta Mng | 61¾ | 62¾ |
| Mobil | 42¾ | 42¼ |
| Monsanto | 77½ | 77¾ |
| Morgn&son | 14 | 13¾ |
| Morgan Jp | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| Motorola | 39¾ | 40¾ |
| NCR | 58¼ | 57¾ |
| NL Indstrs | 5¼ | 5½ |
| Nat Md Ent | 22¾ | 22½ |
| Nat Semi | 8¾ | 8¼ |
| Norfolk Sth | 29½ | 29¼ |
| NW Bancrp | 34½ | 33¾ |
| Occid Petl | 25¼ | 25¾ |
| Ogden Cp | 30¾ | 30¾ |
| Olin Cp | 47¾ | 45 |
| PPG Ind | 43¾ | 43¾ |
| Pac Entrp | 45¾ | 45¾ |
| Pac Gas El | 17 | 16¾ |
| Penn Cp | 2¾ | 2¾ |
| Penney JC | 51½ | 50¾ |
| Pennzoil | 73 | 72¾ |
| Pepsico | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Pfizer | 54½ | 54½ |
| Phelps Dod | 43¾ | 42¾ |
| Philip Mor | 97¾ | 97¾ |
| Philip Petl | 19 | 19¼ |
| Pillsbury | 58¼ | 57½ |
| Polaroid | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Primerica | 28¾ | 28¼ |
| Procl Gble | 79¾ | 79¼ |
| Pub SE Gr | 24½ | 24¼ |
| R Nabisco | 55¾ | 56¼ |
| Raytheon | 71¾ | 71¼ |
| Rynlds Metl | 53½ | 52¾ |
| Rockwell Int | 22 | 21¾ |
| Royal Dutch | 105 | 105 |
| SFE Sopac | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Sara Lee | 43¾ | 43 |
| Schlumb | 32¾ | 33¼ |
| Scott Paper | 38¾ | 38½ |
| Seagram | 55½ | 55¼ |
| Sears Roeb | 40 | 37¾ |
| Sec Pac | 32¼ | 33½ |
| Shell Trans | 65¾ | 65¾ |
| Smith Beck | 46¾ | 45½ |
| Sony Cp | 45½ | 47¼ |
| SW Bell | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Squibb | 64¾ | 63¾ |
| Sun Comp | 56½ | 58 |
| TDK | 61¾ | 65 |
| TRW Inc | 46¾ | 45¾ |
| Teledyne | 329 | 326¾ |
| Tenneco | 47¾ | 48¾ |
| Texaco | 43¾ | 44¾ |
| Tex Eastn | 25½ | 25¾ |
| Texas Inst | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Tex Util | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Textron | 26 | 26 |
| Travelers | 34¾ | 35¼ |
| UAL Cp | 98¾ | 98¾ |
| USG Cp | 7¼ | 7 |
| USX Cp | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Unilever Plc | 31¼ | 31 |
| Un Carbide | 25 | 24¾ |
| Un Pac Cp | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| Unisys Cp | 31¼ | 31½ |
| Ut West | 17¼ | 17¾ |
| Utd Tech | 41¼ | 41¾ |
| Unocal | 34¼ | 34¾ |
| Warn Lamb | 74¼ | 73¾ |
| Wells Far | 66¾ | 65¾ |
| Wesg El | 53¾ | 52¾ |
| Weyerhsr | 24 | 24 |
| Whirlpool | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Woolworth | 55¾ | 55¾ |
| Xerox Cp | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| Zenith | 21 | 21¼ |

### CANADIAN PRICES

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|---|---|---|
| Agnco Eag | 13¾ | 13¾ |
| Alcan Alum | 37½ | 38½ |
| Algoma Stl | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| Can Pacific | 21¾ | 21¾ |
| Cominco | 20¾ | 20 |
| Con Bathrst | 14¾ | 14¾ |
| Hawk S Can | 21¾ | 22¼ |
| Hud Bay M | 19¾ | 18¾ |
| Imasco | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Imperial Oil | 49¼ | 49¾ |
| Inco | 37¾ | 37¾ |
| Royl Trstco | 15¾ | 16 |
| Seagram | 67¾ | 67¾ |
| Shelco 'A' | 39¾ | 39½ |
| Thmsn N 'A' | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Varity Cp | 3.20 | 3.25 |
| WCrl | 16¾ | 16¾ |
| Weston | 34¾ | 34¾ |

### TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| September 26 | October 7 | December 22 | January 9 |

Call options were taken out on: 6/10/88 United Guarantee, Conroy Pet, Guinness Mahon, Brooke Tool, Cannon Street Investments, Sears, Stakis, Lloyds Chemists, Eagle Trust, GT Management, Raine Inds, Mountleigh, Microvitec, T Cowie, Global Group.

# Small fall for Dow in early deals

New York (Reuter) – Shares lost ground in early trading yesterday after a mixed opening. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 6 points to 2,100.33 in slow trading.

Brokers said that investors were wary because the unemployment figures, due out today, might show a strong economy, possibly forcing the Federal Reserve into lifting interest rates to slow economic expansion.

Pennwalt fell by 1⅛ to 93⅜. It jumped by 5 on Wednesday. The company has been the subject of takeover talk.

On Wednesday, the Dow average rose 4.27 to 2,106.33.

● **Tokyo** – The Nikkei index fell 233.15 points, or 0.85 per cent, to 27,172.34. This is the first time this year that it has fallen for five consecutive days. It was 95.53 points lower on Wednesday. Prices fell as the poor health of the emperor continued to loom over the market, brokers said.

● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index rose 9.62 points to 2,427.04 and the broader-based Hong Kong index was 6.37 up at 1,596.19. Prices closed steady but trading was sluggish and featureless, brokers said. Turnover totalled HK$296.81 million (£22.43 million) against Wednesday's HK$337.50 million.

● **Sydney** – At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index had risen 3.5 points to 1,515.6. The gold marker rose 5.3 to 1,563.0, the All-Resources Index 4.2 to 766.1 and the All-Industrials Index 2.2 to 2,517.0. National turnover was 77.42 million shares, worth Aus$130.74 million (£61 million).

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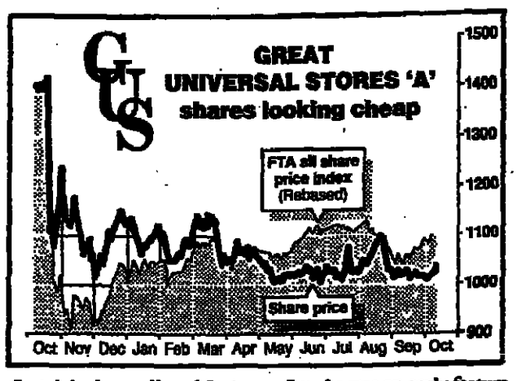
# Trafalgar 'stalking Costain'

News is expected soon that Sir Nigel Broackes's Trafalgar House has been adding to its holding in Costain – which is certain to revive hopes that a full bid may be on the way for the construction and mining group.

Whispers in the marketplace claim that Trafalgar, whose interests range from construction through to shipping, property and hotels, has been quietly picking up more shares over the past week or two, through Cazenove, its own stockbroker. It is estimated that Cazenove may have bought about 3.5 million Costain shares. This would increase Trafalgar's holding to 10 per cent. At the last count, it spoke for 7.8 per cent of the equity.

Dealers reckon that Trafalgar picked up a small parcel of 200,000 shares last week. This came to light after Costain issued Trafalgar with a notice under Section 212 of the Companies Act, which calls on the recipient to reveal its true interest.

This week Costain issued another Section 212 notice and is now waiting for a response from Trafalgar. Dealers say that the level of turnover in Costain shares confirms that further stake-building has been taking place.




Costain's shares slipped 2p to 325p.

The rest of the equity market was starting to look "a bit squeezy" following the strong run of the past three weeks which has lifted the FT-SE 100 by 100 points, or 5.8 per cent.

Share prices fluctuated wildly as market-makers started to feel the pinch and tried to call the market lower in the hope of attracting a few sellers and picking up some much needed stock. The Footsie opened 12.1 up but saw its lead reduced to just 1.6 by midday. It later rallied to close 12.6 up at 1,838.9. The narrower FT 30 index also showed signs of running out of steam but closed 9.8 up at 1,481.5.

Several large lines of stock changed hands including 2.1 million Dixons, down 2p at 149p, 350,000 Blue Arrow, 1p firmer at 90.5p, 300,000 Blue Circle, 1p cheaper at 456p and 1 million Argyll Group, unchanged at 166p.

The buying also spilt over into government securities which sported gains of £⅛ at the longer end.

Lourho was an early feature and finished 1p higher at 333p. There is talk that the Australian brewer, Mr Alan Bond, who already has an 11.08 per cent stake in Allied-Lyons, has spent £30 million picking up 2 per cent in Mr "Tiny" Rowland's international trading group. Last month, Mr Asher Edelman, the New York arbitrageur, caused a stir at Lourho's Cheapside offices when it was revealed that he had secretly acquired a near 5 per cent holding.

Ladbroke, the hotels-to-betting office group, jumped 12p to 463p as the market learned that the full-year results of the group's Hilton International hotels chain will comfortably exceed its $100 million (£59 million) profit target.

During a presentation to Scottish institutions in Edinburgh, Mr John Jarvis, the chairman and chief executive of Hilton International, said: "By the end of the third quarter, it had increased its pre-tax profits, year-on-year, by more than 75 per cent."

Great Universal Stores, Britain's biggest mail order group and the owner of Burberry's, returned to prominence in the stores sector as buyers took the view that the shares are cheap.

Persistent buying – which helped to swell turnover from the daily average of 300,000 shares to 1.6 million – lifted the "A" shares 17p to £10.31. One market-maker said that he had sold large amounts of stock at £10.45.

GUS has been trading at a discount to the sector recently and analysts say that they are cheap. GUS is one stock which benefits from rising interest rates and higher shop rentals. A high percentage of its income is derived from property rental, so it is believed to be insulated from a downturn in consumer spending.

Historically, GUS outperforms the sector when the going gets tough and this year there is a difficult Christmas looming for the high street.

**NSM, the old Burnett & Hallamshire, closed unchanged at 85p despite news of the $15.25 million cash sale of the *MV Hallam Venture* to Sir YK Pao's Worldwide Shipping. The proceeds will be used to repay bank debt. NSM will dispose of other assets.**

**Optim, the USM-quoted computer services group, yesterday launched its new business machines division. The group has also adapted its hotel software programme so that it can be used by smaller hotels on their personal computers. The price was unchanged at 50p.**

The GUS price enjoyed a run in August after shareholders approved proposals to buy-in 15 per cent of its non-voting "A" shares. There has also been speculation that it has lined up a sizeable acquisition.

GUS is certainly not short of cash after receiving a near £90 million windfall for its 23 per cent shareholding in Harris Queensway following the James Gulliver-led consortium bid.

The renamed Lowndes Queensway moved up 3p to 81p.

Dealers reckon that the group is on the verge of announcing the sale of Hamleys of Regent Street, the world-famous toy shop, for about £40 million.

Lowndes said when it took over HQ that it intended to return to its core businesses of furniture and carpet retailing and so the market has been bracing itself for the disposal of Hamleys ever since.

Sears, the Selfridges, Saxones and William Hill betting office group, moved between 132p and 134p in active trading – as 10 million shares changed hands – before closing 0.5p lower at 133.5p.

The group revealed better-than-expected interim results on Tuesday, showing pre-tax profits up to £102.3 million from £93.3 million, but dealers still feel that the continual high level of turnover in the shares points to a stake-building operation.

Takeover speculation in Sears has been rife this year and speculators think that Hanson, the cash-rich conglomerate, is ready to make a move. The word is that Hanson now speaks for just under 5 per cent and may be ready to pitch the opening shot at 165p a share.

The Egyptian-born Fayed family is reckoned to have agreed to sell its 10 per cent stake in Sears to Hanson in return for Selfridges when the takeover is complete.

**Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster**

House of Lords — Law Report October 7 1988 — Queen's Bench Division

# Pilot's employer not liable to shipowner in negligence

**Esso Petroleum Co Ltd v Hall Russell & Co Ltd**
**Shetland Islands Council and Others third parties (the Esso Bernicia)**

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches October 6]

Where Esso had made payments to crofters in respect of sheep damaged by pollution of the foreshore resulting from an escape of bunker oil from their tanker Esso Bernicia pursuant to the Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement concerning Liability for Oil Pollution ("TOVALOP"), they were not entitled to recover those sums in their own name from those responsible for the accident to the tanker.

A pilot was an independent professional man who navigated a ship under pilotage as a principal, not as the servant of his general employers. Accordingly, the employer of a qualified licensed pilot was not in general vicariously responsible to the owner of a ship under pilotage damaged by his negligence.

The House of Lords allowed in part an appeal by Esso from the First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (the Lord President (Lord Emslie), Lord Grieve and Lord Brand) (1988 SLT 33) but otherwise dismissed their appeal and an appeal and cross-appeal by Hall Russell & Co Ltd.

Mr Alastair Cameron, QC, Mr Bruce Kerr, QC and Miss Marion Caldwell (all of the Scots Bar) for Esso; Mr Michael Bruce, QC (of the Scots Bar), Mr Robert Webb, QC (of the English Bar) and Mr Patrick Hodge (of the Scots Bar) for Hall Russell; Mr Alan Rodger, QC and Mr J. Gordon Reid (both of the Scots Bar) for the Shetland Islands Council; Mr Joseph O'Neill (of the English Bar) for two other third parties.

LORD JAUNCEY said that on December 13, 1978, the Bernicia had been being berthed at No 2 jetty at the oil terminal at Sullom Voe in Shetland with three tugs in attendance.

At about 23.33 hours, the coupling had blown out of a hydraulic pipe above the starboard engine exhaust of one of the tugs. The escaped hydraulic oil had caught fire, and the towing line to the Bernicia had had to be cast off.

The Bernicia had not been in the full control of the remaining two tugs, and she had come into contact with parts of the jetty, damaging herself and it, and large quantities of bunker oil had escaped from her.

The tug had been designed and built by Hall Russell. At the time of the accident, the Bernicia had had a pilot on board, Sullom Voe being a compulsory pilotage area.

Subsequently, Esso had paid £527,278 to crofters in respect of damage to sheep due to pollution of the foreshore and £3,727,589 to BP Petroleum Development Ltd as the operators of the terminal in respect of operations by them to deal with the pollution.

The sums paid to the crofters had been paid under and in terms of an agreement of January 7, 1965, between the major oil companies of the western world, TOVALOP. The sums paid to BP had been paid in terms of an award in arbitration proceedings under and in terms of TOVALOP.

Clause IV of TOVALOP provided: "(A) Subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement, the participating owner of a tanker involved in an incident agrees to assume liability for pollution damage caused by oil which has escaped or which has been discharged from the tanker, and the cost of threat removal measures taken as a result of the incident."

Clause XI provided that the agreement should be governed by the laws of England.

In an action raised by Esso, Esso had sought to recover those sums, *inter alia*, from Hall Russell, averring that the accident had been due to Hall Russell's negligence in designing and building the tug.

Esso had also sought declarator that in the event of any body or person recovering from them the costs of repairing and reinstating the jetty they would be entitled to be reimbursed by Hall Russell.

Hall Russell, in third party proceedings, averred that the accident had been caused by the fault of a number of persons, including the pilot, and that the council were responsible for the pilot's actings.

The pleadings of all three parties contained preliminary pleas that had been debated before the Lord Ordinary, Lord Wylie, and the First Division.

The issues arising on the appeals to the House of Lords were: (1) whether the doctrine of subrogation entitled Esso to recover in their own name the sums paid out by them in terms of TOVALOP; (2) whether they were entitled to recover such sums directly as a head of damage suffered by them; (3) whether the declarator sought by them was premature and in any event in too wide terms; (4) whether they had relevantly averred a causative connection between Hall Russell's alleged negligence and the damage to the Bernicia; and (5) whether Hall Russell had relevantly averred that the council were vicariously responsible for the pilot's acts and omissions.

Hall Russell had argued that the damage to the Bernicia and damage due to the spillage of oil had not been reasonable and probable consequences of their alleged negligence. The damage, they said, had not been a direct result of that negligence.

That argument had been decisively rejected by the Lord Ordinary and the First Division. It was admitted that the tug had been built for the purpose of berthing tankers in Sullom Voe, and his Lordship did not see how it could possibly be said that in no circumstances could Hall Russell have foreseen the consequences of the tug catching fire in the course of a berthing manoeuvre. Equally, to ignore the reason for the tug becoming disabled was to put one's head in the sand.

As to subrogation, the authorities, including *Castellain v Preston* ((1883) 11 QBD 380) and *Simpson & Co v Thomson* ((1877) LR 3 App Cas 279), left his Lordship in no doubt as to the existence of a general rule in both English and Scots law that where an indemnifier was subrogated to the rights of someone whom he had indemnified (here, the crofters and BP) he could only pursue those rights in the name of that person.

Esso had argued, relying on *Cattle v Stockton Waterworks Co* ((1875) LR 10 QB 453), that the general rule did not apply where both the indemnifier and the person indemnified had suffered physical damage as a result of the relevant act of negligence.

His Lordship rejected that argument. He doubted whether the rule in *Cattle* had any relevance to a claim to pursue subrogated rights.

As to whether Esso were entitled to recover the sums paid by them directly as a head of damage suffered by them, they had been under no statutory liability or general duty in law to the crofters, and so far as the crofters were concerned the payments received by them had been entirely gratuitous.

The payments had been made because Esso had chosen, by entering into and remaining a party to TOVALOP, to assume a voluntary obligation to the crofters, not because of any alleged negligence on the part of Hall Russell.

The conclusion that his Lordship had reached on this branch of the case did not mean that Esso had never had a remedy in respect of the sums paid under TOVALOP.

They could either have obtained from the crofters and BP assignations of their claims against Hall Russell and sued that company in their own name or have obtained from those persons permission to sue in their names.

As to the prematurity of Esso's declarator, *prima facie*, their liability to the council under section 74 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847 was undeniable.

If that was a good head of damage in this action against Hall Russell, it had to be included in it since it was trite law that all claims arising out of a single act of negligence had to be pursued in the same action.

The fact that Esso's declarator was undoubtedly framed to cover all eventualities was not fatal for Esso. A pursuer might in petitory action conclude for what was potentially a grossly extravagant sum.

In differing from the First Division only on this matter, his Lordship had been much influenced by averments anent section 74 added in the House. He doubted whether their Lordships would have taken a different view from the First Division in relation to the averments that had been before that court.

Regarding the council's alleged vicarious responsibility for the acts of the pilot, Hall Russell's relevant averments were to the effect that the council had employed the pilot in their capacity as port authority and that they had been responsible "for his actings and omissions in the course of his employment with them". They alleged negligence on the pilot's part in a number of respects.

A long line of authority established that a shipowner was liable to third parties for the negligent navigation of a voluntary pilot, and since January 1, 1918, by section 15(1) of the Pilotage Act 1913, he had been similarly liable for negligent acts of compulsory pilots.

The basis of that liability was that a pilot was treated as the owner's servant.

Hall Russell had argued that, while the owner was responsible to third parties for the acts and omissions of the pilot, he was not the pilot's master for the purposes of any damage that the pilot caused him. Therefore, he could sue both the pilot and, if the pilot was employed by an authority, his employer.

In his Lordship's view, it was a general rule that the employer of a qualified licensed pilot was not vicariously responsible to the owner of a ship damaged by his negligence while under pilotage. All the authorities supported such a rule, and none appeared to controvert it.

The basis of the rule was twofold, namely: (1) the pilot was an independent professional man who navigated the ship as a principal, not as the servant of his general employer; (2) section 15(1) of the 1913 Act made him the servant of the shipowner for all purposes connected with navigation.

It was theoretically possible that an employer of a licensed pilot could himself assume the obligation of safe pilotage so as to be responsible for the pilot's negligent navigation, although his Lordship had great difficulty in envisaging a situation in which such an event could occur. It was unnecessary to speculate further since there was nothing in the present case to take it out of the general rule.

Lord Goff delivered a concurring opinion and Lord Keith, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard for Boyd Jameson & Young, WS, Edinburgh; S. J. Berwin & Co for Morton Fraser & Milligan, WS, Edinburgh; Elborne Mitchell for Dundas & Wilson, CS, Edinburgh; Ingledew Brown Bennison & Garrett for Maclay Murray & Spens, Edinburgh.

# Extra court to cut delay in High Court jury trials

**Practice Statement: Listing (Jury Trials)**

Jury cases were taking too long to come to trial and two courts in the Queen's Bench Division would now sit to hear them, Mr Justice Michael Davies, Judge in Charge of the Jury List, said on October 5.

HIS LORDSHIP said the total number of cases at present set down in the jury list was 240. Many would settle or otherwise disappear without a trial; others were for good reasons not yet available for a hearing. So the backlog was not numerically very great.

However, two features resulted in the waiting period from setting down to trial being unacceptably long.

First, trial by judge and jury inevitably took longer than trial by judge alone. Second, there had usually been only one judge taking jury actions; thus the occasional very long case prevented any other action from being heard for the duration of that case.

Although waiting time varied the average was probably about 18 months. It was not necessary, nor practicable, to have a large number of courts trying civil jury cases. However, from now until December 21 there would be two courts on jury trials, his Lordship in one court with Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Potter splitting the term in the other, after which the situation would be reviewed.

A number of cases had been given fixed dates and it was hoped that all trials would start on the fixed date.

His Lordship wished to emphasise how important it was that counsel and solicitors fulfilled their serious responsibility to give accurate estimates of length and revise them if and when appropriate.

Any amended or new pleadings since the setting down bundle was filed had to be immediately supplied to the clerk of the lists and he had to be promptly informed of any developments which might affect the listing or trial of the action.

No doubt some fixed cases would become ineffective on account of settlement or application. In that event a further case or cases would then be brought into the list for trial from the warned list had to be prepared for this, particularly if they were near the top.

His Lordship well understood that the specialist bar was usually involved in defamation cases and that parties should not have to change counsel at a late stage if it could possibly be avoided. Other jury actions involved a wider spread of counsel, but in those cases there were often witnesses who might not always be able conveniently to attend court at very short notice. The more cooperation which was received from the Bar and solicitors the easier it would be for the court not to disappoint them or their clients.

It would be a priority to dispose of the pre-1987 cases. Accordingly, applications to defer them and even more so to vacate fixed dates for them would be critically examined and would only succeed if made on very strong grounds.

Indeed a fixed date in any case would not be vacated except upon application to the court and appropriate orders for costs would be made on the same principles which had been applied in non-jury cases.

Sittings this term would usually be at the following times in his Lordship's court: applications unless by special arrangement (which should be sought if the application might take more than 30 minutes) at 10am; statements in open court at 10.15am; hearings 10.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm.

# Distance limit of protection from rival market

**Birmingham City Council v Anvil Fairs (a Firm) and Others**

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment October 6]

The owner of an exclusive market right, granted either by franchise or statute, was entitled to protection from disturbance occasioned by the levying of a rival market within a distance of 6⅔ miles measured from the exact place or places where a lawful market was actually held rather than from the boundary of the area over which the monopoly had been granted.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held on a preliminary issue in an action brought by Birmingham City Council against Anvil Fairs, T. Morris Jones, Roger John Smith and Terence O'Connor.

Mr Nicholas Patten, QC, for the council; the defendants did not appear and were not represented.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the council had the exclusive statutory right to hold retail markets within the city. In the exercise of that right it licensed the holding of general retail markets, *inter alia*, at Northfield and Cotteridge within the City of Birmingham.

The defendants held a general retail market at the public house known as the Black Boy Inn, Heronfield, Knowle, Solihull, which was only 5¼ miles from the boundary of the City of Birmingham, but more than 6⅔ miles from the markets operated or licensed by the council within the city.

The council sought the determination of the court as a preliminary issue of the question whether the levying of a market by the defendants at the Black Boy Inn was capable of constituting a rival market and therefore an actionable disturbance of its market rights within the City of Birmingham.

At common law the owner of market rights granted by franchise from the Crown was entitled to protection from disturbance occasioned by the levying of a rival market within a distance of 6⅔ miles. His Lordship would assume the same distance applied to a right of market granted by statute.

The question to be decided was whether the radius of protection was to be measured from the exact place or places where a lawful market was held or whether it was to be measured, as the council contended, from the boundary of the area over which the monopoly had been granted. There was no reported decision directly in point.

In principle his Lordship thought the radius should be measured from the place at which the licensed markets were actually conducted. The purpose of having a protected area was to protect in relation to the customers a licensed market from a rival.

The source of the distance appeared to be one third of a Roman dieta, or day's journey. It was said that a man should spend one third of a day getting to market, one third of a day pursuing his business there, and one third of a day returning home. No wider protection was necessary to cover the market's actual users.

In other words the whole basis, archaic as it was, was linked to the distance from the actual market. There was no basis in principle for protecting an area where a market could be established unless one actually were so established.

The existence of monopoly rights of market was anomalous and such rights should not be extended save where the law compelled that conclusion.

A review of the relevant authorities convinced his Lordship that the law did not so compel him and accordingly he held that the point from which the radius of protection should be measured was the place at which markets were actually held and not the city boundaries.

Accordingly the defendants' market at the Black Boy Inn did not infringe the council's statutory market right.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr G. W. T. Pitt, Birmingham.

# Michaelmas Bar Examination

Class II (Div 2) in numerical order: C E Chambers (L); A A Gir (G); K A Grant (O); P A Hitchcock (L); D C Wilde (O); M E Age (G); L J Anderson (M); R C Charlton (M); R T A Ogle (L); W K Yeo (L).

Class III: J S Abrahamson (O); A O Agbamu (L); R Addison (L); S M Berman (M); T St J Berriman (L); C W Brunel (G); R D C J Burge-Gaffney (G); J C Chadwick (M); P D Chopra (G); R Clayton (M); T Cottrell (L); P F Moody (M); R A E Cox (L); G H F Evans (M); A J Eyles (G); D B M Flood (L); G Franco (L); A K Gordon (M); W Harbisa Jr (O); S F Hawker (G); S J Jacobs (G); T P Johnson (M); C Kelvin (M); E M Lecombe (L); I A Lewis (M); C S Magill (M); D A Marsden (M); M M Meyer (G); T J Morrow (L); A D Mundle (L); M A Norman (L); M S O'Donnell (M); P W Orton (G); D A Pulsford-Harris (M); A N Sharpe (L); K J Sinar (L); R Singh (L); C G Stockwell (L); M R J Stratford (L); J R Talbot-Bagnall (L); E S Twasa (M); B C Ch'ng (L); E V Douglas Sands (L); J S Gordon (L); W E Hermitte (M); K P Lince (G); A R M Johnson (L); D A Kavanaugh (L); J L F Kellett (L); S D O R Kitchen (L); K S Lam (L); M Mahap (L); C V Malachias (L); M A Marmaschevgoh (L); M A Martinus (M); A P Miranda (M); N Mohamad Shahar (L); K Mukul (L); A F Mulcahy (L); B M N Noor Zilan (L); C L Pang (L); D Papadopoulos (G); M Salar (L); A N Sarwar (M); P S Thang (L); H L Tie (M); M T M Wilson (L); W K N Wong (M); M T Yeung (G); S H Young (G).

The following have been awarded a Conditional Pass. The section they have yet to pass is shown in brackets against their name.

*KEY: (1) General Paper I; (2) General Paper II; (3) Civil and Criminal Procedure; (4) Evidence; (5) Revenue Law; (6) Sale of Goods and Credit; (7) Practical Conveyancing; (8) Conflict of Laws; (9) Law of International Trade; (10) European Community Law and Human Rights.*

S Asad (M)(11); J J Attwood (G)(3); M R C M Bulloch (G)(5); D N Bullock (M)(5); I D Colville (L)(3); F V B Eduvet (H)(2); S G Foluso (L)(2); A V Francis (M)(1,3); J C Gau (M)(1); N A Mavers (H)(1); M R Hawkes (L)(4); P S Hester (M)(8); P R Lee (G)(1); M P McFarlane (L)(5); H J Mifsud (M)(6); J N Neubert (M)(8); S R Nicholls (L)(2); C A Nixon (G)(3); E Pollecutt (L)(2); G Singh (L)(3); B M Spencer (G)(4); J Stone (H)(3); I R O Suggett (L)(10); D D Walker (H)(3); H Wozniak (H)(3); G D Jacob (L)(5); L O S Anpalagar (M)(8); G H Broomes (G)(5); S Y B Chan (G)(4); D Chee-Kan-Cheong (L)(4); P S S Chean (M)(3); I L Dasnguli (L)(4); J Emeruwa (M)(1); J G W Lau (G)(3); E N P Mason (L)(8); R Mathivananam (L)(4); S G Pandian (M)(3); J Retnam (M)(1,4); A Sasseboon (M)(3); E C Seah (L)(2); S Sekhar (L)(3); S N H Shah (L)(2); b S H Sharifah Sadia (L)(3); b T A Tengku Shahruss (L)(2); A B Thanggavelu (L)(5); L C Wong (M)(3); M A N Wilson (L)(8); P Wiwatpattaraku (M)(2); C J E W Wong (L)(1); S A Wood (G)(3).

The following have passed individual sections to complete the Bar Examination.

*(In numerical order)*

F Adam (J); D A Adams (M)(7); O A Aloge (M); N Alsan-Lloyd (J); R Alton (L); T J Amber (J); W S Armah (M); M Ashton (M); N Bashir (M); F G Bernacio (G); N M Berry (J); P A Bignall (M); N S Bleaney (L); D H L A Blew (M); M L Carne (L); J J Clark (J); P G Clement (J); J P Coates (M); P A Edgell (L); R Cottage (J); S J G Crabtree (L); J S B Cramsie (J); L J English (L); F A C Ewenwu (L); B M Fayren (M); T A M Fitzpatrick (L); S A A Foti (J); P Gavin (M); E S M P Hale (J); A C J Harper (M); S M J Harwood (M); L I Hilton (G); K K Ishmael (L); S J James (L); N A Johnson (M); E I Jordan (G); C M Kallis (M); N Kapoor (G); C O A Kease (J); G A Keavney (J); A Khattak (G); S K Lait (M); P S V Lees (L); J N Lloyd (M)(8); S Mawanjum (M); G Lum (L); P Maguire (J); S K Majendo (L); R H Mandil-Wade (J); B J S Marrache (J); S C W Mason (M); R A Matthews (J); C M McCann (J); N D McHugo (L); N S Mercer (L); G W Meredith (J); M Mullin (G); B Myers (J); K O O Okara (G); J R G Outram (M); M J Owens (G); E S N Phil-Ebosie (G); J Ramsay (M); C E Rankin (L); D F Rayner (G); S W

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Active trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 3. Dealings end October 14. §Contango day October 17. Settlement day October 24. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Fobel | Industrials E-K | |
| 2 | Compari | Leisure | |
| 3 | BTR (as) | Industrials A-D | |
| 4 | Frogmore | Property | |
| 5 | Logica | Electricals | |
| 6 | Church Charles | Building,Roads | |
| 7 | Land Leis | Leisure | |
| 8 | Pentos | Drapery,Stores | |
| 9 | Yorkshire TV | Leisure | |
| 10 | Britannia Security | Electricals | |
| 11 | TSB (as) | Banks,Discount | |
| 12 | Barclays (as) | Banks,Discount | |
| 13 | TNT | Industrials S-Z | |
| 14 | Inchcape | Industrials E-K | |
| 15 | Unigate (as) | Foods | |
| 16 | Tate & Lyle (as) | Foods | |
| 17 | Allied Irish | Banks,Discount | |
| 18 | Goring Kerr | Industrials E-K | |
| 19 | BTP | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 20 | Speyhawk | Property | |
| 21 | Meggitt | Industrials E-K | |
| 22 | Realty Unitbl | Leisure | |
| 23 | Broken Hill | Industrials A-D | |
| 24 | Adscene | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 25 | UK Land | Property | |
| 26 | Bowater | Industrials A-D | |
| 27 | Assoc Br Ports | Shipping | |
| 28 | Br Borneo | Oils,Gas | |
| 29 | Bank of Scotland | Banks,Discount | |
| 30 | Carclo Eng | Industrials A-D | |
| 31 | Halma | Industrials E-K | |
| 32 | FR Group | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 33 | Mackay (Hugh) | Textiles | |
| 34 | VSEL | Industrials S-Z | |
| 35 | Bank of Ireland | Banks,Discount | |
| 36 | Fenner (JH) | Industrials E-K | |
| 37 | Usher-Walker | Paper,Print,Adv. | |
| 38 | Bostock Johnson | Building,Roads | |
| 39 | Derwent Hldgs | Property | |
| 40 | Utd Guarantee | Industrials S-Z | |
| 41 | Manganese Bronze | Industrials E-K | |
| 42 | Highgate & Job | Industrials E-K | |
| 43 | Wellcome (as) | Industrials S-Z | |
| 44 | Peter Marians | Property | |
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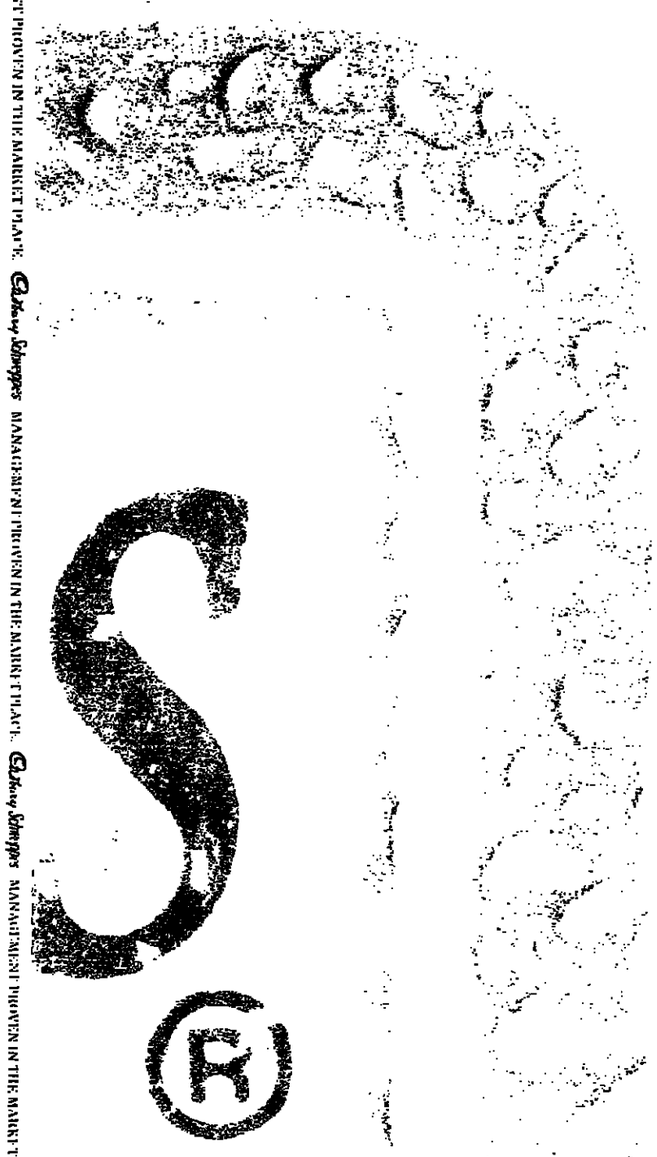
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# To change the face of the British soft drinks market, Cadbury Schweppes' management is working with another rather successful organisation. Coca-Cola is it!



**Who else?**

**Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages Ltd. was created to take advantage of a huge market opportunity. In short, through a combination of management vision and determination, this alliance has helped turn soft drinks into one of the most exciting sectors in the British food and drink industry. All in less than two years.**

## Building on Firm Foundations.

The managements of both Cadbury Schweppes and The Coca-Cola Company shared a common goal: to stimulate market growth. Difficult enough in its own right, but when combined with the added objective of increasing their share of that growing market, the scale of CCSB's ambition becomes clear.

One of the first steps was to implement a comprehensive rationalisation and merger programme which included such actions as cutting the number of depots from 41 to 20. This released funds which contributed to a massive marketing exercise for CCSB's entire portfolio of brands (to the tune of £50 million last year).

Since all this activity began, CCSB has increased its share of the carbonates market, a market which has itself grown by around 13%. A remarkable achievement in such a competitive environment.

## Number 1 and Pulling Ahead.

So says the company mission and, on current form, with every justification. Continuing the theme of building on its success, work has already started on Europe's largest soft drinks factory, due to open in Wakefield next year. As Dominic Cadbury points out, "Our 51% stake in CCSB is a prime example of how Cadbury Schweppes is building shareholder value for tomorrow, as well as delivering today".

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 75.8 (day's range 75.8 ).**

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 6

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.6930-1.6955 | 1.6945-1.6955 | 0.59-0.58pr | 1.44-1.42pr |
| Montrl | 2.0455-2.0529 | 2.0491-2.0529 | 0.44-0.28pr | 0.67-0.48pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.5530-3.5610 | 3.5572-3.5610 | 2¼-2pr | 5¾-5¼pr |
| Brussels | 65.56-66.23 | 66.00-66.23 | 33-24pr | 85-70pr |
| Copnhgn | 23.1204-12.1496 | 12.1373-12.1496 | 5¾-4¾pr | 12¼-11¼pr |
| Dublin | 1.1758-1.1799 | 1.1785-1.1775 | 58-51pr | 150-138pr |
| Frankft | 3.1516-3.1584 | 3.1538-3.1584 | 2¼-2pr | 5¾-5¼pr |
| Lisbon | 259.44-260.60 | 259.44-260.44 | par-40ds | 44-138ds |
| Madrid | 206.05-208.93 | 206.47-208.93 | 23-7pr | par-24ds |
| Milan | 2349.73-2355.78 | 2352.69-2355.78 | 9-5pr | 9-4pr |
| Oslo | 11.6848-11.6904 | 11.6784-11.6904 | ½-¼ds | 3¼-4¼ds |
| Paris | 10.7336-10.7601 | 10.7485-10.7601 | 4¼-4¼pr | 11-10¼pr |
| Stckhlm | 10.8003-10.8363 | 108265-10.8363 | 2-1¾pr | 4¾-3¾pr |
| Tokyo | 225.83-226.22 | 225.83-226.13 | 1¾-1½pr | 4¼-3¾pr |
| Vienna | 22.16-22.20 | 22.16-22.19 | 14-12¾pr | 34½-31½pr |
| Zurich | 2.5774-2.5824 | 2.5791-2.5824 | 2¼-2pr | 5½-5¼pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 24.8775-25.0278 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1213-2.1253 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.6365-0.6405 |
| Brazil cruzado * | 633.33-636.66 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.81-0.82 |
| Finland marka | 7.4175-7.4575 |
| Greece drachma | 254.75-256.75 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 13.2399-13.2495 |
| India rupee | 24.55-24.76 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4870-0.4910 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.5505-4.5550 |
| Mexico peso | 3800-3900 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.7597-2.7660 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.33-6.37 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.4538-3.4577 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 6.7070-6.8470 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.2167-4.2244 |
| U A E dirham | 6.20-6.24 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.4395-1.4405 | Denmark | 7.1625-7.1675 |
| Singapore | 2.0383-2.0393 | W Germany | 1.8614-1.8617 |
| Malaysia | 2.6855-2.6865 | Switzerland | 1.5810-1.5820 |
| Australia | 1.2518-1.2534 | Netherlands | 2.0980-2.0990 |
| Canada | 1.2090-1.2100 | France | 6.3410-6.3460 |
| Sweden | 6.3800-6.3850 | Japan | 133.30-133.40 |
| Norway | 6.8900-6.8950 | | |

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## MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12¼ Low 10⅞ Week fixed: 11⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — $11^{11}/_{16}$ 3 mth — $11^{11}/_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth — $11^{10}/_{16}$ 3 mth — $11^{10}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: $11^{25}/_{32}$-11⅜
2 mth: $11^{23}/_{32}$-11⅝ 3 mth: $11^{23}/_{32}$-11⅝ 6 mth $11^{13}/_{32}$-$^{7}/_{32}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: $12^{13}/_{32}$
2 mth: $12^{13}/_{32}$ 3 mth: $12^{13}/_{32}$ 6 mth $11^{31}/_{32}$
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12¾ close 12
1 week: 12¼-12⅜ 1 mth: 12¼-12 3 mth: 12¼-12
6 mth: $12^{1}/_{16}$-12 9 mth: 12-11⅞ 12 mth: 11⅞-11¾
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12 7 day: 12 1 mth: 12
3 mth: 12 6 mth: 11⅞ 12 mth: 11¾
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 11⅝-11¾ 2 mth: 12⅛-12⅜ 3 mth: 12⅛-12⅜
6 mth: 12¼-12⅜ 9 mth: 12⅛-12¼ 12 mth: 12⅛-12⅜
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: $11^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$
3 mth: 12-11⅞ 6 mth: $11^{15}/_{16}$-⅞ 12 mth $11^{13}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.20-8.15
3 mth: 8.45-8.40 6 mth: 8.55-8.50 12 mth 8.75-8.70

**ECGD**

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1988. Agreed rates Sept 28, 1988 to Oct 25, 1988 . Scheme I: 12.27 per cent, Schemes II & III: 12.72 per cent. Reference rate July 30, 1988 to August 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 11.364 per cent.

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: Call: 8¼-7¼ | 8¼-7⅝ | 8¼-8⅛ | $8^{9}/_{16}$-$8^{5}/_{16}$ | $8^{11}/_{16}$-$8^{9}/_{16}$ |
| Deutschemark: Call: 4⅝-3⅝ | $4^{15}/_{16}$-$4^{13}/_{16}$ | $4^{15}/_{16}$-$4^{13}/_{16}$ | 5⅛-5 | $5^{1}/_{16}$-$5^{1}/_{16}$ |
| French Franc: Call: 7⅛-6⅛ | $7^{9}/_{16}$-$7^{7}/_{16}$ | $7^{11}/_{16}$-$7^{9}/_{16}$ | $7^{15}/_{16}$-$7^{13}/_{16}$ | 8⅛-8 |
| Swiss Franc: Call: 3-2 | 3¾-3⅜ | 3¾-3¼ | 3¾-3⅜ | 3¾-3¾ |
| Yen: Call: 3¾-2¾ | $4^{1}/_{16}$-$4^{1}/_{16}$ | $4^{1}/_{16}$-$4^{1}/_{16}$ | 4⅛-4¼ | 4⅝-4¾ |

### GOLD

**BULLION:**
Open: $400.75-401.25 Close: $403.00-403.50
High: $404.75-405.25 Low: $400.50-401.00

**COINS:** Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $415.00-420.00 (£245.0-248.00 )
Krugerrand: $402.50-405.50 (£237.50-239.50)
Maplelaef (1/1oz): $415.00-420.00 (£245.00-248.00)
American Eagles: $415.00-420.00 (£245.00-248.00)
New Sovereigns: $95.00-96.00 (£56.00-56.75 )
Old Sovereigns: $95.00-96.00 (£56.00-56.75 )
Platinum: $513.75 (£303.20 )
Palladium: $120.25 (£70.95 )
Silver: $6.31-6.33 (£3.725-3.740 )

## THIRD MARKET

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | | | Previous open interest 35714 |
| Dec 88 | 88.12 | 88.23 | 88.10 | 88.21 | 14583 |
| Mar 89 | 88.80 | 88.91 | 88.80 | 88.89 | 882 |
| Jun 89 | 89.13 | 89.15 | 89.13 | 89.14 | 54 |
| Sep 89 | NT | — | — | 88.26 | 0 |
| Dec 89 | NT | — | — | 88.08 | 0 |
| Mar 90 | NT | — | — | 89.28 | 0 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | | | Previous open interest 29529 |
| Dec 88 | 91.23 | 91.23 | 91.18 | 91.19 | 2403 |
| Mar 89 | 91.35 | 91.35 | 91.30 | 91.30 | 1470 |
| Jun 89 | 91.23 | 91.28 | 91.17 | 91.17 | 123 |
| Sep 89 | 91.04 | 91.04 | 90.99 | 91.00 | 73 |
| Dec 89 | NT | — | — | 90.84 | 0 |
| Mar 90 | NT | — | — | 90.67 | 0 |

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | | | Previous open interest 9926 |
| Dec 88 | 89-24 | 89-24 | 89-15 | 89-22 | 3873 |
| Mar 89 | NT | — | — | 89-04 | 0 |
| **Long Gilt** | | | | | Previous open interest 253443 |
| Dec 88 | 95-31 | 96-13 | 95-28 | 96-11 | 32656 |
| Mar 89 | 95-22 | 96-22 | 96-22 | 96-27 | 50 |
| Jun 89 | NT | — | — | — | |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | | | Previous open interest 13282 |
| Dec 88 | 184.70 | 185.00 | 183.10 | 184.50 | 1527 |
| Mar 89 | NT | — | — | 186.00 | 0 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | | | | | Previous open interest 628 |
| Dec 88 | 102.45 | 102.58 | 102.45 | 102.48 | 589 |
| Mar 89 | 101.15 | 101.45 | 101.15 | 101.32 | 3 |

## COMMODITIES

**ICIS-LOR Group**

Brent looked poised for a bounce on the back of an expected technical correction and early trade tried to pre-empt such a move, but the rally ran out of steam. The physical reality of long supply caused Gasoline prices to fall, other products ending unchanged.

**CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Phys | 11.25 | +10 |
| 15 day Oct | 11.25 | +10 |
| 15 day Nov | 11.35 | +5 |
| WTI Nov | 12.60 | +15 |
| WTI Dec | 12.40 | +5 |

**PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.**

Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prem Gas .15 | -5 | 155-157 | -5 |
| Gasoil EEC | -1 | 106-108 | -1 |
| Non 1H Oct | | 103-105 | +1 |
| Non 1H Nov | +1 | 105-106 | +1 |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | +1 | 49 -51 | +1 |
| Naphtha | +1 | 116-118 | +1 |

**ISFEX**

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct 88 | Hi 1360-1340 Low | Close 1347 |
| Nov 88 | Hi 1419-1400 Low | Close 1409 |
| Jan 89 | Hi 1455-1435 Low | Close 1448 |
| Apr 89 | Hi 1502-1490 Low | Close 1500 |

Vol 269 lots Open interest 2727
Dry cargo Index 1291.0 +8.0 on 5/10/88

**IPE FUTURES**

| GAS OIL | G W Joynson | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct | 103.50-03.25 | |
| Nov | 106.00-05.75 | |
| Dec | 107.75-07.50 | |
| Jan | 108.00-08.75 | |
| Feb | 109.00-08.00 | |
| Mar | 107.00-09.50 | |
| Apr | 107.00-04.00 | |
| Vol | 11802 | |
| BRENT | G W Joynson | |
| Nov | 11.50-11.44 | |
| Dec | 11.60-11.58 | |
| Vol | 2759 | |

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)**

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Nov | 57.0 | 57.6 |
| Feb | 68.5 | 69.8 |
| Apr | 93.0 | 95.6 |
| May | 103.7 | 105.5 |
| | | Vol 74 |

**LONDON FOX**

| COCOA | G W Joynson |
|---|---|
| Dec 769-766 | Sep 822-819 |
| Mar 782-781 | Dec 865-855 |
| May 795-794 | Mar 890-875 |
| Jul 807-805 | Vol 6648 |
| COFFEE | G W Joynson |
| Nov 1170-1165 | Jul 1149-1145 |
| Jan 1160-1158 | Sep 1149-1143 |
| Mar 1160-1159 | Nov 1148-1140 |
| May 1150-1147 | Vol 3765 |
| SUGAR | C Czarnikow |
| FOB | Vol: 2939 |
| Dec 219.0-15.0 | Aug 207.5-06.5 |
| Mar 212.2-12.0 | Oct 205.5-05.0 |
| May 203.5-08.5 | Dec 206.0-200 |

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**

| | |
|---|---|
| WHEAT close (£/t) | Vol 65 |
| Nv 107.30 Ja 110.45 | Mr 113.50 |
| My 116.30 Jn 117.50 | Sp 102.25 |
| BARLEY close (£/t) | Vol 101 |
| Nv 105.50 Ja 108.00 | Mr 110.90 |
| My 112.75 Sp 99.00 | Nv 101.75 |

**SOYABEAN**

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|---|---|
| Oct 185.0-70.0 | Jun 176.0-73.0 |
| Dec 182.0-81.0 | Aug 173.0-69.0 |
| Feb 185.5-84.5 | Oct 174.5-69.0 |
| Apr 185.5-85.5 | Vol 168 |

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

| (£/tonne) | Cash | 3 month | Vol | Tone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A | 1561.0-1562.0 | 1492.0-1493.0 | 384625 | Firm |
| Copper Standd | 1530.0-1540.0 | 1470.0-1480.0 | NB | Quiet |
| Lead | 377.50-378.50 | 376.00-377.00 | 61500 | Steady |
| Zinc Hi Gde* | 1370.0-1375.0 | 1298.0-1290.0 | 86100 | Steady |
| Silver Large† | 627.00-628.00 | 640.00-641.00 | 3 | Quiet |
| Silver Small† | 627.00-628.00 | 640.00-641.00 | NB | Quiet |
| Aluminium | 1320.0-1322.0 | 1298.0-1290.0 | 241125 | Quiet |
| Aluminium Hi* | 2280.0-2290.0 | 2225.0-2228.0 | 158200 | Firm |
| Nickel* | 11400-11600 | 10150-10250 | 10854 | Steadier |

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)**

Live Pig Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Oct | 93.9 | 93.2 |
| Nov | 95.0 | 94.5 |
| Feb | 95.3 | 95.5 |
| Apr | 99.5 | 98.8 |

Live Cattle Contract

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct | unq. | unq. |
| Nov | 114.5 | 114.5 |
| Jan | 115.5 | 115.5 |

Vol Pig-2 Cattle-0

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 6

| (£/kg hw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB (p) | 74.83 | 149.14 | 109.80 |
| GB (+/-) | +3.83 | *+8.82 | +0.45 |
| Eng/Wal (%) | -5.5 | +46.5 | -5.5 |
| Eng/Wal (p) | 75.04 | 148.20 | 109.41 |
| Eng/Wal (+/-) | +3.58 | +6.00 | +0.91 |
| Scotland (%) | -19.4 | +9.4 | +1.5 |
| Scotland (p) | 68.52 | 153.93 | 110.31 |
| Scotland (+/-) | +5.50 | +11.16 | -1.57 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. e Ex stock split. n Cum all (any two or more of above). s Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

BRITAIN'S NEW RADAR CHAIN

FOCUS

A SPECIAL REPORT
By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

# The battle for safety in the skies

**As Lord Whitelaw, left, today opens the last link in Britain's new £50 million network of seven new radar stations, the Civil Aviation Authority starts work on a £600 million programme to improve air safety and traffic scheduling**



For millions of air travellers, last summer was one of frustration and delay as the explosive growth in traffic caught up with, and sometimes swamped, the capacity of the system, both on the ground and in the air. There is almost no hope that next summer will be any better, and it may be far worse if the predicted increase in the number of people wanting to travel by air is reached.

All too often passengers, and even airlines, have blamed the problem on "air traffic control". The beleagured Civil Aviation Authority, which is responsible for ensuring air safety and providing aircraft with guidance from the ground, has been pilloried for failing to predict the increase in traffic and of doing too little to bring the system up to date so that it can handle the additional flights.

The criticisms have often been misguided and inaccurate. Often the problems have arisen outside the British Isles as air traffic controllers from Spain to Yugoslavia have used the increased demand which has added to their workload to press their case for more pay, more equipment, more staff, or all three.

To make their point, they have launched a series of sudden strikes, throwing the European airline schedules into chaos. They have also imposed their own flow restrictions at a moment's notice, reducing to a trickle the number of aircraft flying through a particular airspace at any one time.

Even airlines have been guilty of using the air traffic control system as an excuse for their own inadequacies and mistakes.

The CAA may be fairly criticized for a number of things perhaps. But to suggest that they have been totally inactive, sitting back and watching the growing problem but doing nothing to prevent it from getting worse, as some would have us believe, is simply not true.

Senior officials recognized more than 10 years ago that the radar cover over Britain was becoming inadequate to cope with the increased demand and needed improvement. Controllers were having to use old radars installed in the 1950s to cope with traffic levels that then appeared high but which were small compared with today. Also, they were often in the wrong place and did not provide full cover for the country.

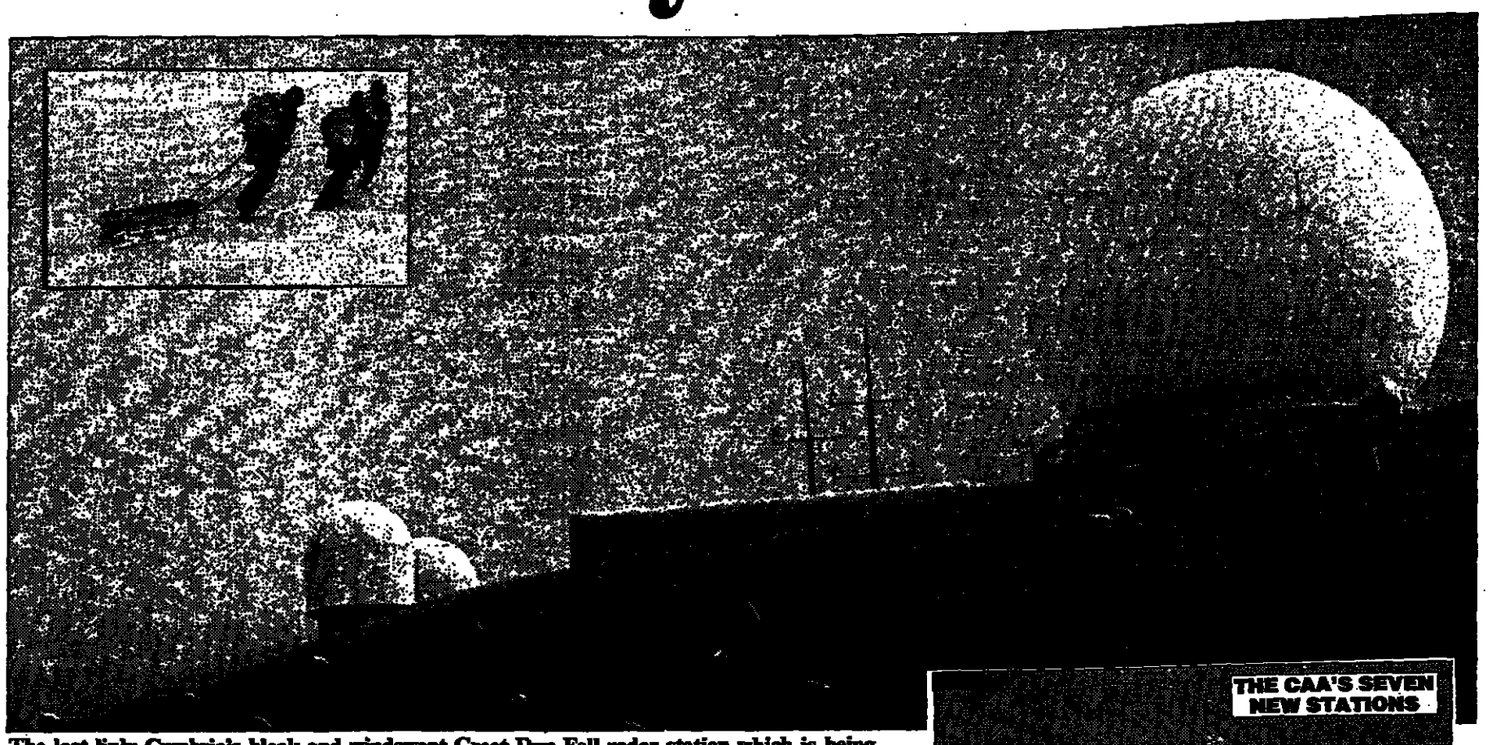
Down the whole of the eastern side of Britain, for example, air traffic controllers had to use a chain of military radars intended as a means of intercepting attacking bombers from well out over the North Sea and of guiding British fighters to intercept them.

There were gaps in the cover up the spine of the country and out over the Atlantic into which, to ensure aircraft were kept well apart, controllers had to limit flights.

A growing demand for television and radio channels also meant that the 50-centimetre waveband on which the radars operated, was increasingly under pressure as broadcasters sought to use every part of the wavelength spectrum.



No apologies: Dennis Dix, the CAA's project director-general



The last link: Cumbria's bleak and windswept Great Dun Fell radar station which is being opened today, and inset, the struggle to reach the station in the depths of winter

So it was decided to modernize the entire network, replace some of the older radar stations with new ones and make those that grew in their place capable of covering every inch of the British Isles and much of the North Sea and the Atlantic approaches.

It may seem, perhaps, a simple enough task. Put a radar station on the top of a hill or tower and allow it to "see" for miles.

By 1980 the CAA plans had been "finalized". The new radars, it said, would cost £24.5 million and would be ready from 1981.

"This timing is critical if the National Air Traffic Services (Nats) are to continue to provide an effective and safe air traffic service," the CAA said at the time.

Quickly, however, the reality of what was entailed began to strike home. It was not simply a matter of building a new station on some hill or tower after all. Finding suitable sites was not an easy job.

Then there were planning inquiries to overcome and, as anyone, whether an official body or private individual knows only too well, they can take an unconscionable long time in coming to a conclusion.

The traffic forecasts and the available technology kept changing too, making it necessary constantly to up-date on what was needed. And of course there was monetary inflation.

In the end, it was decided that six new radar stations were needed, plus one additional unit as a training and engineering base.

By the time the first came into operation in 1984 the total cost was rising well above the original £24.5 million, even allowing for inflation and the additional infrastructure costs — for such things as roads, buildings and electricity supplies — which had not been included in the first estimate.

When the last of the chain was operational in March this year the total cost was put at £50 million.

"I do not feel we have to apologize about either the cost or the delay," said Dennis Dix, the CAA's director-general of projects and engineering, who has seen the programme through to its successful conclusion.

"We are intensely proud of what we have achieved and believe we have a system which provides Britain with the best *en route* radar coverage in the whole of Europe."

Air traffic controllers agree and talk enthusiastically about how reliable the system is, how the electronic and computer gadgetry has made life easier and how they can see a clear way forward to an improvement in overall air traffic control over the next few years.

The last of the new radar sites is to be opened by Lord Whitelaw today and already the next phase of the CAA's £600 million investment programme is under way.

"There has been a lot of careful planning and development work and there will be a lot more over the years to come," said Mr Dix. "Keeping pace with the increased demand for air travel is something which goes on all the time. We are absolutely confident that with this new chain we have got it right."




**'We now have a system which provides Britain with the best radar coverage in Europe'**


# BRITAIN'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS NOW HAVE A NEW RADAR NETWORK

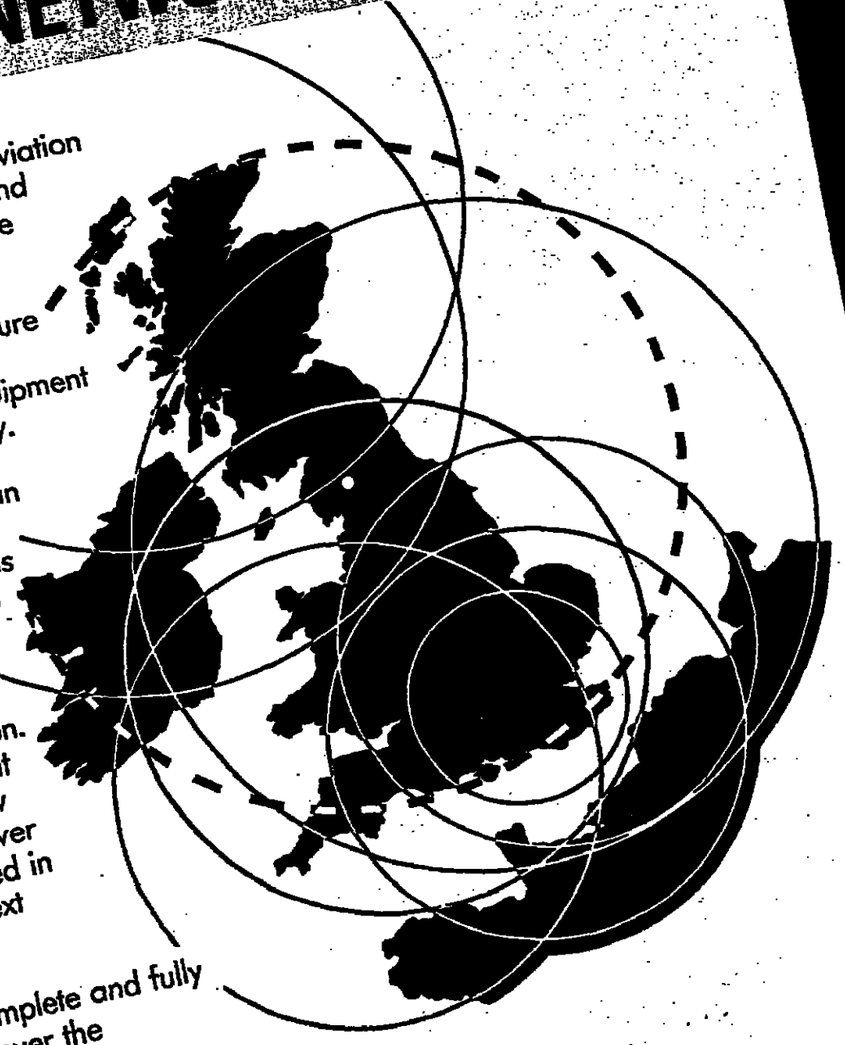
With the opening of the new Great Dun Fell radar station, the Civil Aviation Authority has completed its network of advanced en-route primary and secondary surveillance radars. These now provide excellent coverage of UK airspace and are amongst the most up-to-date in the world.

Millions of passengers benefit since the new radars help to ensure safety and to increase the capacity of the airspace. Air traffic is controlled by people rather than machines - but the better the equipment at the controllers' disposal, the more traffic they can handle safely.

The new radar services provide more precise information than ever before and give greater coverage. As a result aircraft can be seen by radar throughout UK airspace, and the foundation is provided for the new systems and procedures to be introduced for the 1990s and beyond.

Situated 850 metres up in the Pennines, Great Dun Fell is an engineering achievement which alone cost over £10 million. It is just one example of the CAA's planning and commitment to ensure that its systems are continuously updated. The new radar programme has cost some £50 million to complete over an eight year period. A further £600 million is to be invested in other air traffic control systems and equipment over the next ten years.

Britain's advanced en-route radar network is now complete and fully operational to meet the increases in air traffic expected over the next decade.



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BRITAIN'S NEW RADAR CHAIN

# Six eyes to help guide our pilots

All seven of Britain's new radar stations are now operational. Six are used to guide aircraft through British air space; the seventh, at Gatwick, is used as a technical support facility (TSF) to test and develop modifications to existing radars.

The latter also enables radar units which have been returned from operational stations and repaired in the central maintenance unit to be tested in the complete system, to train engineering staff and to act as an operational standby in the case of a complete failure at any operational site.

**DEBDEN**

The first of the new radars to be completed was at Debden, midway between Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Saffron Walden, Essex. It has a range of 160 nautical miles and is designed to provide cover over the South-East in the Dover, Lydd, Clacton and North Sea sectors.

The range of the radar deliberately overlaps neighbouring sectors such as Daventry, Pole Hill, Claxby and Pease Pottage and can be used as a stand-by approach facility for Stansted.

**HEATHROW**

The imposing tower at the approach to Heathrow airport was opened in November 1985 and caused problems for the planners and engineers. Building work on the huge new concrete tower could take place only during the winter because of the congested space at Heathrow.

Its role is to provide approach facilities for the airport, cover the Terminal Manoeuvring Area and ensure en route cover over central and south-east England.

**CLAXBY**

The problems at Claxby, five miles north of Market Rasen in Lincolnshire, were even greater. The land was owned by British Telecom who insisted that its own relay equipment remain on the site. At first planning permission to build on the site was refused and the work was delayed for a year while an appeal was heard and final approval was granted by the Government.

It has a range of 250 miles and its function is to provide *en route* cover to the east of England out to the north-east boundary of the London Flight Information Region. The service also provides cover for military operations over the North Sea.

**PEASE POTTAGE**

Pease Pottage radar station in Sussex was opened in December 1986 on land owned by the Meteorological Office.

It has a displayed range of 160 miles and provides *en route* cover in the south and south-east of England with over-lapping cover for both Debden and Heathrow. It can also provide stand-by approach facilities at Heathrow.

**TIREE**

A huge "golf ball" now dominates the skyline at Tiree, an island in the Inner Hebrides. This huge station, with a range of 250 nautical miles, is sited on the southern edge of the island and, because it is exposed to extreme weather conditions and wind, had had to be covered by the radome.

It provides cover to the west of Scotland and enables Scottish Air Traffic Control to organize transatlantic flights in the most efficient way. It replaces a military radar in Northern Ireland which is being phased out.

The CAA has, however, brought a touch of modern life to the remote islands through the development. The island had a very weak television signal with many homes unable to watch any of their favourite programmes. As part of the deal for permission to build the station, which entered service in July 1986, they agreed to install a new repeater station.

**GREAT DUN FELL**

The biggest, latest and most complex development of all is at Great Dun Fell, Cumbria, which began working in March but which is being formally opened today by Lord Whitelaw.

It provides cover over 250 nautical miles of the north and north-east of England and the south of Scotland with links both to the London Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton and to the Scottish ATCC at Prestwick.



The Great Dun Fell station, 2,870 ft up, has snow for 113 days of the year and is often thickly encrusted with hoar frost

# Keeping the 'blips' apart

There are basically two types of radar used in air traffic control. The first, primary radar, sends out radio pulses which are reflected from the aircraft body back to the ground and which show up on the controller's screen as a slowly moving "blip".

The secondary is more sophisticated and relies on the aircraft carrying a transponder. As the signal from the ground reaches the aircraft it is not reflected but is directed to an electronic box which returns a signal to a ground computer which displays the aircraft's height and call sign on the screen. All aircraft flying in controlled airspace must have such a transponder.

Before an aircraft enters the airways system it is allocated a unique four-figure code so that, when interrogated by a ground radar station, its number is flashed on to the controller's screen.

The new chain of radars, both primary and secondary, are co-mounted on a single aerial and are all linked to the two main air traffic control centres.

When the Civil Aviation Authority wrote the design criteria for the new radars it wanted the latest system which would be completely reliable and which would eliminate many of the problems associated with older sets.

Controllers often complained that the signals were interupted or distorted, that birds or bad weather gave them false readings, that the blips "jittered" as they moved along their tracks, or that, most worrying of all, a phantom blip would show up many miles away from the real target. All this has now gone.

"It could be quite worrying at times to see a blip where you knew no aircraft should be," said Mrs Anne Smith, a controller at West Drayton. "The old radars could even produce terrifying moments when two aircraft on parrallel tracks would suddenly merge into one. You had no idea whether they had really converged or whether it was the radar playing up again. This new equipment is more reliable and has made life easier."

The secondary radar has the latest monopulse capability which enables an accurate return to be made from just one single pulse of the radar. All the Cossor monopulse interrogators are fitted with Marconi antennae with a much wider vertical aperture, narrowing the vertical beamwidth and cutting down reflections of the beam from ground clutter.

This means that aircraft can now safely be tracked so that a three-mile separation is possible out to 60 nautical miles and five-mile separation out to 120 miles rather than the previous 10-mile gap between aircraft.

The new system allows pilots to be more certain that their precise course and track is being monitored by the controllers and they can fly straighter courses, so cutting flying costs and helping to keep passenger prices down.

# The £600m cost of air freedom

The aim of the Civil Aviation Authority in building the seven new radar stations was not only to improve on the existing radars but to ensure that the information they provided could be linked into the constantly evolving air traffic control system.

Over the next 10 years the CAA will spend £600 million on the most ambitious capital programme ever mounted by air traffic engineers. The new radars are simply the first, and perhaps most important, link in this chain of events.

The next phase is to build a radar chain at each of the five main airports in Britain at a cost of more than £10 million.

Already a contract has been placed with Plessey to supply its latest "Watchman" radars at Manchester, Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Glasgow. The company will also install new aerials at Edinburgh and Prestwick.

The first equipment will be installed at Manchester later this year, with the remainder over the next two years.

Then a new computer to replace the ageing and, sometimes troublesome, IBM 9020 at West Drayton will be brought on line at a cost of £23 million, ending, it is hoped, the problem of coping with ever increasing traffic.

This will be followed by the revolutionary Central Control Function – a new system for the South-East.

The CCF, which will cost £30 million, is based on methods of air traffic control used in other parts of the world, especially in the busy air lanes around New York.

It is estimated that when it is operational it will enable controllers to handle a third more aircraft.

It will reorganize sectors of airspace into blocks, rather like tunnels in the sky. All traffic in a particular tunnel will travel in the same direction and each of the major airports in the South-East will have its own separate tunnels for arrivals and departures.

Although each will vary in width and depth, they will be separated from the others by at least three nautical miles horizontally or 1,000 ft vertically – the internationally agreed minimum standard for separation between aircraft.

One controller will be in charge of each tunnel and its one-way traffic so that there will be no need for criss-crossing of routes which exists under the present system.

Airport approach controllers will handle aircraft from *en route* controllers much earlier than at present, leading to less holding in the arrival stack. The stacks themselves will be further away from airports and higher up, bringing benefits to both airlines and to those on the ground by reducing noise.

Planning for the new system began 10 years ago and a full-scale model was well received by pilots and executives at the recent Farnborough air show.

# Ten years to find the most reliable system

The Civil Aviation Authority decided nearly 10 years ago to choose radar systems of proven reliability to sit on top of giant towers or inside the "egg-cup" domes. The main antennae are supplied by AEG-Telefunken of Germany. Hollandse Signaal Apparaten (HSA) of the Netherlands built the primary radar. Together, they provide the best overall system available, and one which is the envy of much of the rest of the world.

Cossor is supplying the secondary radar and the monopulse plot extractor, and Marconi the radar station control and monitoring system. The CAA's own Telecommunications Engineering Establishment, based at Gatwick, has also manufactured equipment for the project.

The primary antenna consists of a parabolic reflector measuring 47.5 ft by 29.5 ft, with a special modification that enable the beams to be "bent" to fit the precise requirements of each station. Each transmitter has three receiver channels, a long pulse receiver connected to each beam, and a short pulse receiver which gets its output from either beam. The outputs from the receiver are turned into digital impulses and the signals fed to a moving target detector (MTD).

The signals are filtered to remove false plots before being combined with other plots from the Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR). The antenna is of the Large Vertical Aperture type which measures 26.5 ft by 5.5 ft and is mounted on top of the primary radar antenna.

All the outputs are fed to the London Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton, the Scottish Air Traffic Control Centre or the joint military/civilian units as well as to Heathrow and Gatwick.

All the equipment at the sites, including plant, electrical services, alarm systems and the radar system itself, is monitored automatically by the Remote Station Control Monitoring System. At Debden, Essex, the building is of traditional brick construction with an integral concrete aerial tower. At Claxby, Lincolnshire, and Pease Pottage, Sussex, the building construction is a more flexible industrial design incorporating a steel-clad frame.

On Tiree, one of the Inner Hebrides islands, and at Great Dun Fell, the height of the sites allows for much smaller antenna towers built of steel, but because of the weather at both sites an outer steel tower has been built to enable engineers to clamber over the radmone if they have to.

Power for the equipment is provided from the grid by a sophisticated switchgear and distribution system supplied by J. W. Cowards with a standby diesel generator.

Typical of the many engineering and construction problems the project threw up was in the building of the tower at Heathrow airport. Alan Marshall and Partners, consulting engineers for the project, had to design a tower that would not move by more than 60 seconds of arc in winds of up to 75 mph and withstand winds of up to 150 miles and hour.

The octagonal tower is 46 metres from the ground to the top of the 16-metre high aerial.

# Safety watch in a cold climate

In choosing Great Dun Fell for the last of the seven new radar stations being built the Civil Aviation Authority could not have picked a more inhospitable spot.

The site is 2,870 ft up, 10 miles east of Penrith, Cumbria. The access road is Britain's highest metalled road.

The region has the coldest climate in England and between 1963 and 1972 the records showed that the temperatures at Great Dun Fell were below freezing for four months of the year.

Each year there are more than 100 days of frost and in 1969 a total of 175 frosty days were recorded.

There is snow on the ground for 113 days a year. Even with snow-blowers in use the road can be closed for days. Access to the site in winter is usually possible by tractor.

When it is not snowing it is raining, and the average yearly rainfall is put at 50 inches.

The wind speed recorder has been blown away several times. The annual average wind speed is more than 21mph, twice the average for adjacent areas, and can often blow at more than 100mph.

A strong gale – a wind which blows constantly at more than 54mph – occurs at Great Dun Fell on 724 hours a year, compared with 182 hours on the Inner Hebrides.

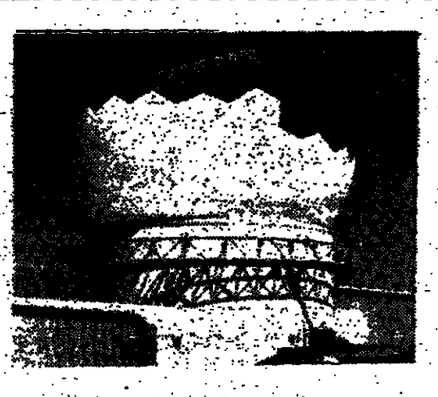
The combination of high winds, heavy cloud and rain or snow blizzards quickly forms thick layers of hoar frost which encrust the the station's masts and buildings.

With such a climate it is not surprising that both the men and the materials which must both work there have to be of a special kind.

The man in overall charge is John Begg, who says he relishes the challenge of living and working in the area.

"When you get a good day it is really beautiful," says Mr Begg, aged 44. "Mind you, there are not many of them. But I don't mind the elements as I was a lifeboatman for 15 years. It will be an experience."

That must be the understatement of the year.

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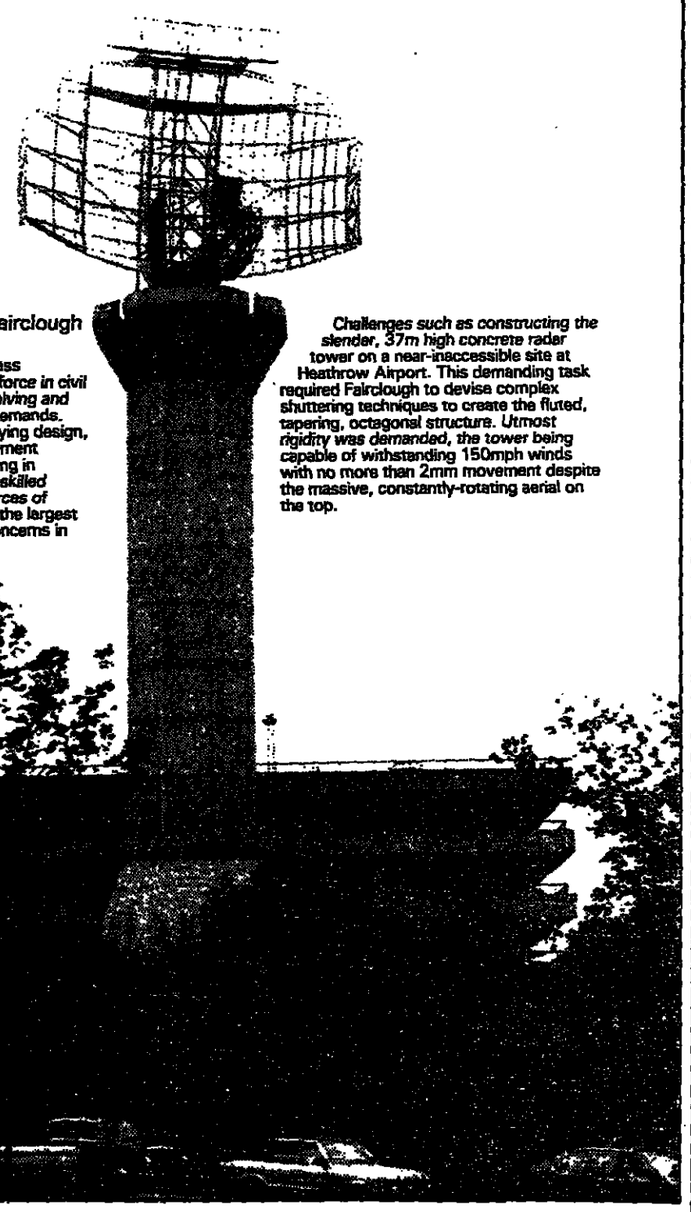
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# Testing time for Vauxhall

Next Friday the new Vauxhall Cavalier arrives in dealer showrooms ready to cause company car drivers hours of anguish as they attempt to decide which of the Ford Sierra, Montego, Peugeot 405, Vauxhall Cavalier quartet is the best choice for perhaps 60,000 miles of hard business motoring. Such decisions are never taken lightly.

For Vauxhall the test will be exacting. The previous model swept up Cortina owners by the thousand when it was launched in 1981 but Ford turned the early lemon-like Sierra into a winner and Vauxhall will have a tough time making up ground on the Ford now that it is offered in hatchback and saloon form.

An opportunity to test-drive the range of Cavaliers confirmed that while it is a new car, it is not a world apart from its predecessor. The modest, neat styling has been refined in the sleek, rounded mould of sister Vauxhall models to achieve a commendably low aerodynamic drag of 0.29. The result is undeniably smart although less striking than the Peugeot 405. First impression is of a smaller car than its rivals.

The new model is larger than the first front-wheel-drive Cavalier; the saloon is 2.5 in longer, 1.2in wider and the wheelbase is an inch longer, yet it is shorter than the Sierra or Montego. The hatchback is 3in shorter than the saloon. No sacrifice is made in boot space as capacities of 18.7cu ft (saloon) and 16.2cu ft (hatchback) are more generous than the opposition. The boot lip is now 6in lower. There is no estate model, so that this middle ground is left to the Montego and Sierra estates.

Where the space is compromised is inside. Improved access to the rear seats promises much but the leg and headroom are disappointing. Vauxhall argues that company car drivers, who will account for 70 per cent of Cavalier owners, spend most of their time in the car alone, so rear accommodation is not a priority.

The designers have improved life for the driver. At last the pedals on a Vauxhall are arranged sensibly, no longer is the accelerator buried in the carpet far beyond the brake pedal. Dashboard design has been a Vauxhall failing for years but the Cavalier marks an unexpected break with the past.

The view of the large instruments is excellent. The L model has a height-adjustable seat, while the GL benefits from a tilt-adjustable steering wheel. The seats are comfortable and the driving position good.

The 1.6 litre engine is now based on a more compact and lighter design and the brave decision has been taken to reduce the 90 bhp output to 82 in a bid to improve mid-range pulling performance. Acceleration is improved, Vauxhall claims and fuel economy in city driving is 18 per cent better. The former 1.3-litre now comes in 1.4 litre guise, using less fuel and with better torque. The 1.6 litre diesel has been refined and expanded into a 1.7 litre unit.

At the top of the range are the familar 115 and 130 bhp 2 litre engines, complete with sophisticated Bosch Motronic engine management control. Next year Vauxhall will launch the GSi 2000 model powered by the latest 16 valve 2 litre which produces an impressive 156 bhp.

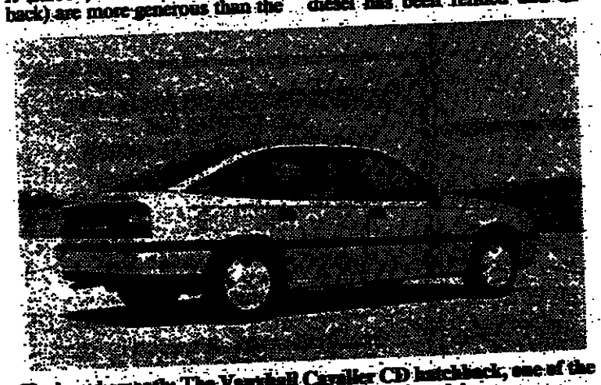
Suspension remains the popular MacPherson strut design with a torsion beam connecting trailing arms at the rear. New to the range is a four-wheel drive model which borrows the semi-trailing arm rear suspension of the Carlton. The drive system is similar to that of the VW Golf Syncro with a viscous coupling in the transmission ready to transfer power to the rear wheels once the front ones begin to spin. Four wheel drive is automatically disengaged when the driver brakes, so allowing the anti-lock brakes to work effectively.

The four-wheel-drive Cavalier is a curious mix of L specification trim and a peaky 130 bhp engine. A brief drive proved disappointing. Not only did the performance feel lack-lustre due to more than 100kg of extra weight but the handling was less sharp than the normal front-wheel-drive models. Boot space is considerably reduced.

Yet the 1.6L model, which will account for almost half of sales, still has a notchy gearchange which although improved is good enough. The steering feels wooden and handling is no match for the more agile Peugeot 405. Despite Vauxhall's claims to the contrary, subjectively the performance of the 1.6 has suffered in line with the drop in power from 90 to 82 bhp. The sleek shape gives the Cavalier a top speed of 109 mph, yet acceleration to 60 mph from standstill takes about two seconds longer than the Montego.

The surprise in the new range is the 2 litre CD, with its power steering making the ride quiet and smooth, while the four-speed automatic gearbox is arguably the smoothest of any front-wheel-drive car.

Prices of the Cavalier saloon and hatchback are identical: 1.6L (£8738.28), 2.0i GL (£10,605.78), 2.0i CD (£12,393.55).



Sleek and smooth: The Vauxhall Cavalier CD hatchback, one of the new range aimed at the company car driver

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The 1957 Aston Martin thoroughbred which "slept" in a garage for 20 years and became in turn an enthusiast's dream

# Sleeping beauty awakened

You have heard the story about the wealthy chap who covered his prized car in blankets then closed the garage doors and left it untouched for 20 years or more before it emerged pristine and unspoilt; well it's true.

Stafford Claude Gladwell bought a blue Aston Martin DB2/4 on 7 July, 1957, one of only 199 made by the Newport Pagnell firm in the days when the entrepreneur David Brown owned the company. The original documentation shows the car was bought from H. W. Motors, Bridge Motor Works, Walton-on-Thames. The owner covered only 8,160 miles in three years, then the Aston was driven to an unassuming house in Southwold, Suffolk, and left cossetted in the garage. For the next five years Mr Gladwell's firm regularly taxed the car at the Middlesex licensing office and the buff log-book received its annual stamp.

The car's enthusiastic new owner, Tony Andrews, a garage proprietor from Beccles, Suffolk, says that Mr Gladwell's son walked into his office one day and asked whether he was interested in buying the Aston. "He didn't even know what it was worth," Mr Andrews says. Beneath the blankets the sports car stillboasted air in its original tyres. One spoked wheel was slightly rusty and the paint has lost some of its lustre, yet the interior and engine were "like new".

Starting the car up did not exactly follow the legend where the engine fires up on the first turn of the key. However, once the points and plugs had been cleaned the six-cylinder engine did burst into life.

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● Later this month Aston Martin will unveil one of the stars of the Birmingham motor show — its new V8 coupe. The British-styled supercar is reminiscent of the fine Zagato-bodied DB4GT of the mid-1960s. As before, the Aston body will be made from sheets of aluminium, "wheeled" by hand to achieve exactly the right curvature.

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Edited by Derek Harris
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# A dentist's chair to a country seat

By Robin Young

For 23 years Gerry Keane was a dentist in Gidea Park, on the north-eastern edge of London. For much of that time he had the dream of opening a country house hotel. "I had been living as a professional consumer", he said, "travelling around Europe and other places, and the lifestyle seemed reasonably exotic."

When he finally decided to make a break in 1985 he was able to put £280,000 of his own money in his hotel project. For £200,000 he bought the multi-gabled Whitehall at Broxted, Essex, the medieval East Anglian foundling house of the Order of St John of Jerusalem which had most recently been the home of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden.

The house had a swimming pool, tennis court and six acres of walled gardens, orchard and paddock. Mr Keane and his wife, Marie, spent another £200,000 fitting it out as a four-bedroom country restaurant.

Initially they had borrowed only 35 per cent, but Mr Keane gave warning: "Anybody thinking of doing something similar should look at their finances most carefully. Projects like this absolutely eat capital, and you have little chance to develop."

It nearly did not. Mr Keane thinks now that the idea of a restaurant with rooms in the country was doomed to failure from the start. "The costs are phenomenal. Restaurants in the country cannot rely on customers tumbling through the doors every day, and the dining room could never have made a profit large enough to carry the overheads on the house."

Losses in the first year were large. Within nine months the chef had gone, and Mr Keane's daughter, Paula, was unexpectedly, though successfully, promoted in his place. "For a period of nine months in our second year the three of us effectively ran Whitehall on our own", says Mr Keane, "and it was an experience not to be repeated." Their salvation, perhaps, was that they could call on part-time waitresses (mostly local sixth form grammar school girls) at two hours' notice at busy times.

Despite the increase in the value of the property, the Keanes had to change bankers to find a manager who would support them while they sought the finance to build a new wing and increase the rooms to 10, an expansion which has already achieved 53 per cent occupancy rate.

This they did by means of a private business expansion scheme set up by Panmure Gordon. "We could have sold out at a profit, but that was not what we wanted to do. The BES meant sacrificing some of the equity, but that was better than no equity at all."

Panmure Gordon examined the business and projections, was impressed, and rapidly raised £150,000 from eight of its best customers at what Mr Keane gratefully describes as "nominal cost."

The new wing, incorporating six extra bedrooms, a lounge and second conference room, was built and opened within six months.

JAMES MORGAN



Gerry Keane and staff outside the Whitehall Hotel, Stansted

Mr Keane has found boardroom seminars in his conference rooms profitable, one of which can accommodate up to 25, the other 10. Paradoxically the business really took off after the American raid on Libya, when many executive jets diverted to Stanstead — only three miles from Whitehall — rather than use Heathrow and Gatwick.

Now Mr Keane thinks he has entertained groups from most of the nation's leading plcs. About 65 per cent of those attending business conferences stay overnight and 35 per cent come on the daily delegate rate. It is, Mr Keane says, very good business and expanding rapidly.

There are now eight full-time staff, and a pool of some 16 part-timers.

With a management team in place, Mr Keane, aged 50, is looking to expand his second career rapidly. He is thinking in terms of a series of three or four-star hotels, trading off Whitehall's reputation, but in towns within a 30 to 40 mile radius. His capital base looks enviably secure. He has already turned down an offer of £1.8 million, and as Stanstead expands as an international airport, he says, "the value must go through the roof."




"I often think it would be nice occasionally to get the chance to send something *out!*"

## BRIEFING

■ Improvements to the Government's loan guarantee scheme (LGS) and a beefing-up by the clearing banks of their services to small businesses are among actions called for by a group of backbench Conservative MPs in a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet*. It has some political weight because the group is led by Mr Graham Bright, chairman of the backbench small business committee, *Derek Harris writes*.

The group wants improvements in access to the LGS, improved with the upper limit on loans raised from £75,000 to £100,000. It also wants revised tax structures to help small businesses.

Banks had improved their services but could do more, particularly for small businesses with turnovers of less than £100,000, the group believes. There should be less emphasis placed on physical security so that business ideas in the services sector, especially, would have a better chance of getting off the ground.

At the same time a survey by Midland Bank showed many business customers dissatisfied with the high street banks, to meet which the bank has appointed 150 small business development managers to be out in the field to provide specialist support and advice to bank branch managers and their small business customers. Midland has also extended its range of products for small businesses, new offerings including a flexible business loan and a payroll administration scheme.

At least one other high street bank is expected shortly to announce improvements to its services for small businesses.

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■ The three-day National Franchise Exhibition, sponsored by the British Franchise Association (BFA), opens today at the Kensington Exhibition Centre, London, just as the latest survey on the industry paints a picture of a more mature industry with less hectic growth, although annual sales have still over the last 12 months risen 23 per cent to £3.8 billion. Annual sales are now projected to reach almost £9.9 billion over the next five years, according to Power Research Associates in the BFA survey, which was sponsored by National Westminster Bank.

The sales increase has come while the number of franchise formats has declined, by 3.5 per cent since 1987, leaving 244 in businessin the BFA records. It appears to point to the remaining franchised systems becoming stronger

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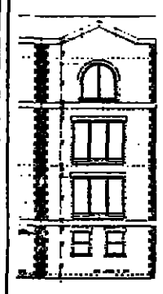
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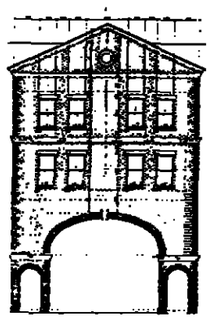
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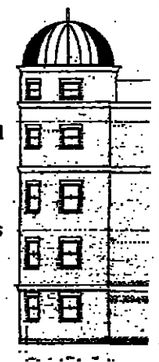
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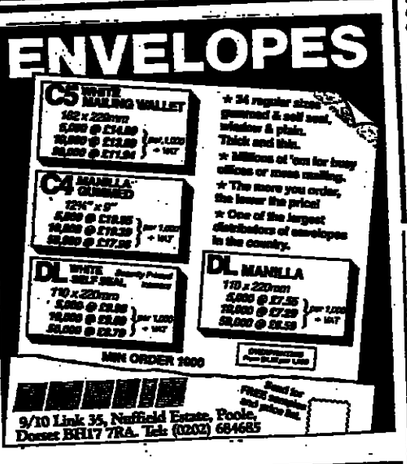
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RUGBY UNION

# Return to the salad days is soured by hawkish tactics

By Gerald Davies

The match last Saturday between Neath and Llanelli was billed as the most attractive rugby fixture in the land. It was all so brilliantly set at the Gnoll and the weather joined in celebration.

The streets were alive with talk beforehand and the queues outside the ground began early. It was a delight to be around to wish that there were more Saturdays such as this. It was as if the salad days were back.

But by the end of the afternoon, the less partisan on the terraces might have gone home with a slight ache that a grand game was marred by the foul play of the first half and the niggliness thereafter.

The game is not entirely for the innocent, nor, by its very nature, can the awkward and mischievous incident be wholly eliminated. But there remained in this match the suspicion that hawkish tactics were at work and that they may have been there in the preparation.

Point the player in the right direction, deny him red meat for a week and let him loose on the park, might appear, on the surface, as the likely way to get a immediate and effective response.

Add a few choice and colourful words in his ear just at the right temperamental moment and unleash him; for the out and out underdog, for instance, it may be what will sustain him. To encourage such hunger for the hunt may have its moments no doubt. But not all the time.

There has to be more intrinsic appeal for grown-up men to want to play a game. It must go beyond the call to the ruder instincts. For John Hart, the former All Blacks selector, and coach of Auckland, the attitude of the coach is all about philosophy.

"Coaching involves the management of men. He [the coach] needs to teach the skills of the game and to arrive at the right levels of fitness. These need to be continuously monitored," he says.

"The game is changing in a society which is changing. There is need for leadership and for individual and collective responsibility. In this there must be a strong sense of player and team discipline. There must be a constant search for excellence in all that a coach and a team are trying to do." It is at this level that the debate is conducted out there.

There was much to admire in the performances of both Neath and Llanelli, playing the game at a speed and skill few others in Wales can match. But there was too much fire in the belly to be completely satisfactory. So that so far, the accolade for the best display of collective strength, efficiently performed, must go to Bridgend last Wednesday evening.

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## Townend called up

Steve Townend, the Wakefield stand-off, is recalled by Yorkshire for the Toshiba County Championship match against Cheshire at Wilmslow next Tuesday. He takes over from the unavailable Rob Andrew.

# Western Samoans take hard route

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Western Samoa, whose tour of Wales and Ireland begins at Llanelli on Wednesday, will miss the reception from the Welsh Rugby Union today because their flight has been re-routed via New York.

The party will be captained from the wing by Lolani Koko, one of only two players in the party who met Wales at Apia two years ago. The Samoans did not play in the inaugural World Cup last year, though Fiji and Tonga did. They may feel on their first visit that they have something to prove and their fixtures, which include internationals against Ireland (October 29) and Wales (November 12) should give them scope to do so.

Koko and Aneterea Aiolupo, the full back, are the most experienced internationals in their party of 26, but Peter Fatialofa has spent a season in Auckland's front row, which is an indication of quality. It was Western Samoa who introduced Michael Jones to international rugby, before Jones's advance in New Zealand colours to become one of the most feared back-row forwards world-wide.

The Samoans' opening game is against a Welsh Counties under-23 XV at Stradey Park, captained by David Evans, the stand-off half whose pedigree includes Cardiff, Swansea University and, most recently, Oxford University with whom he toured Japan last month. He is partnered by Booth, the Neath scrum half, and has Simon Davies — Llanelli's latest Barbarian — at centre.

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# Winterbottom out on top after Transvaal sojourn

By David Hands

"I swore once that I would never play for Harlequins," Peter Winterbottom said cheerfully as he settled back in his parent's home in Leeds after returning this week from South Africa. However, after a playing career spent in Headingley's ranks he will be in London next week looking for a weekend game in which to test his injured ankle and prove his fitness to play for the North against the Australians at Otley on October 19.

It should not be assumed that Winterbottom, because he preferred to forgo an England tour to Australia in favour of a season of South African provincial rugby, no longer wishes to play for his country. "I wouldn't have bothered to come back if I didn't think I could make the England team again," he said, which is fair warning to other aspirants at flank forward.

With the exception of Gary Pearce, the injured Northampton prop, Winterbottom is the most experienced player available to England: a summer spent representing Transvaal suggests, too, that his form has held up well. He explained to England's management well before he left his desire to play a full season of Currie Cup rugby — even if it meant missing a tour. Last year he played in the World Cup then went to Johannesburg but too late to make an impact in provincial terms.

He travelled to South Africa with the cartilage injury which put him out of the game against Scotland last March. He returned on Tuesday with a twisted ankle, an aggravation of an injury sustained two years ago. In between he maintained a place in Transvaal's back row during a season in which the province, who contested all the Currie Cup finals between 1985 and 1987, used 45 players.

His back-row colleagues were the highly rated Jannie Breedt and Wahl Bartmann, and he had to displace Charles Pieterse who played for Transvaal last year. "It lived up to my expectations. I have never experienced a season like it, not even in New Zealand (he spent a year with Hawke's Bay in 1982). Some weeks we would train four nights a week and, if we were playing away,



Winterbottom: twisted ankle

travel on the Friday and train again.

"I had not experienced that sort of intensity before. It's tough. You're always under pressure. By the end of their season I felt I was starting to play reasonable rugby. They wanted me to play slightly differently from usual because they are used to big back-row men who like the ball in their hands.

"My handling has sometimes been called into question in the UK but they thought it was quite good. My fetching game was adequate but my main strength is as a link with other players. It's not easy driving against those big Dutchmen. They had a go at my tackling once and I spent two trials evenings when they put the A and B teams against each other, cutting down everything in sight."

The Australians will be among the first to feel Winterbottom's voracious tackling — something their 1984 predecessors missed. There may also be an exchange of views between him and those Australian players who were interested in touring South Africa last year — a project which was finally aborted, just as the suggested international party to the Republic this summer fell through.

"The administrators and the public were very disappointed that the international side didn't appear." Winterbottom said, "but the players themselves turned round and said, in so many words, that if the administrators couldn't organize a tour, they would. I think next year will be the crunch year. The South African Rugby Board centenary is one thing but the Transvaal centenary is another and I don't think Louis Luyt (Transvaal's president) will let it pass."

Under other circumstances Winterbottom might have fallen foul of the International Rugby Football Board's edict of last March, wishing to impose a three-month period away from the game for players moving between hemispheres. But his plans were made and approved by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) before the IRFB's meeting and, subsequently, the RFU committee decided the temporary playing ban was not workable.

All affiliated clubs have been notified to that effect. "Our full committee felt that, given the lack of support for the scheme from Australia and New Zealand, it wasn't going to work properly, nor did we see why a chap coming here on holiday or for work experience should be barred from playing straightaway," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday.

"So we are holding it in abeyance, until the IRFB look at it again in their November agenda. I did make it clear to the board that we would not normally refuse to operate their instructions but that, in the circumstances, we felt we were justified in doing so. But we do have a qualifying period in place as far as our own competitions are concerned and we fully subscribe to the board's view that players should not carry on playing the whole year round."

To that extent it may be as well that injuries have obliged Winterbottom to rest from the game in spring and autumn. Otherwise he much resembles those Antipodeans such as David Campese, David Knox and Brad Burke — to name only three of the Australians who arrive next week — who intend to play in Italy after their British tour is over. Those are the playing activities at which the IRFB's dart, which subsequently flew so wide of the mark, was aimed.

# Walmsley leads side to flying start

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Arnold School have got off to a good start having played four and won four, beating Bramhall (9-7), St Mary's, Crosby (25-4), Hutton GS (13-4) and King Edward's, Lytham (10-9). They are captained by James Walmsley from prop and possess some huge forwards, one of their two 6-ft. 5-in men, being christened prophetically but not entirely appropriately, Barry John Mather.

Whitgift toured Yugoslavia, winning three and losing three matches, but have also done splendidly since and are unbeaten. They have a mobile pack and two very fast wings. The only colour from last year is the captain, Simon Morris, at fly half; they have beaten John Fisher (24-8), Hurstpierpoint (24-10), St Dunstan's (16-8) and most recently Trinity, Croydon (10-9).

Cheltenham only won two of their six demanding games in Argentina. Chile and Uruguay but they have prospered since, beating Marling (58-0), Warwick (30-3), drawing with Downside (6-6), and beating Rugby (4-0). The last victory produced some high calibre rugby and was decided by a try from their strong-running left wing, Davison.

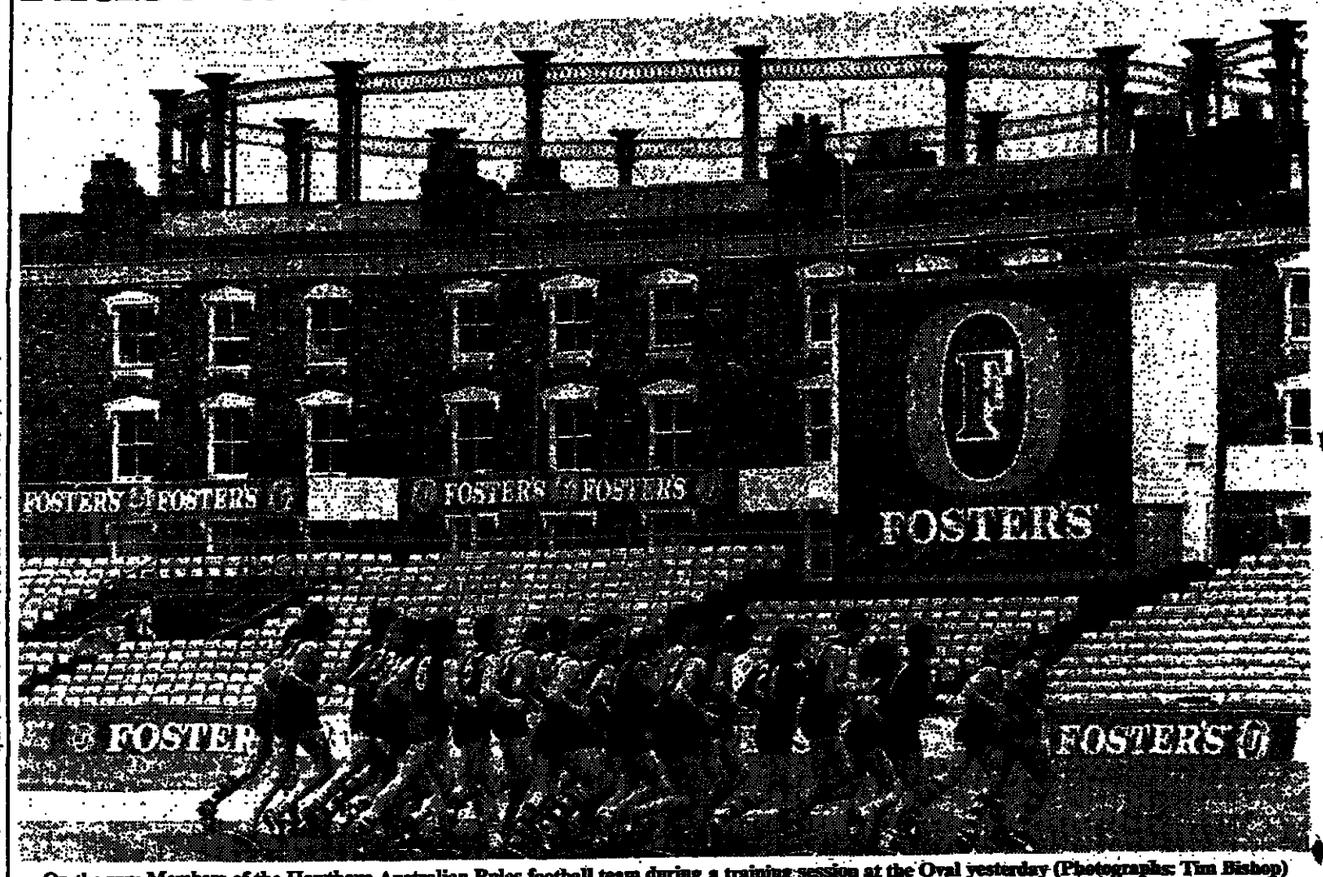
King's, Bruton, pre-season tour to the Lake District has paid dividends. They have won six of their seven games, losing only to the powerful King's, Taunton (23-0). Their coach Brian Ashton, the former England coach, is encouraged with the form which has brought victories against: Kendal Colts (15-0), Windermere Colts (26-10), Prior Park (19-3), Allhallows (50-0), Milton Abbey (21-11) and their first victory for some time against Canford (8-4).

Bishop Vesey's GS have four good wins to their credit, including away victories against Queen Mary's, Walsall, and King Edward's, Camp Hill, but they lost narrowly at home to Solihull (12-16) and at RGS Worcester (24-3).

Barnard Castle's small pack has struggled and they have yet to win a match; they came close to beating Ashville at Harrogate (6-8) but were defeated more heavily by Durham, who scored six tries in their 4-30 win.

Strathallan, who had a rough time on their Australian tour, failing to win a match, are unbeaten having defeated the Old Boys (10-7), Glasgow Academy (33-7), Perth Academy (56-0), Rannoch (36-3) and earning a draw (10-10) against Stewart's-Melville, who are also unbeaten.

# Australia rules the Oval for a day




On the run: Members of the Hawthorn Australian Rules football team during a training session at the Oval yesterday (Photographs: Tim Bishop)



Dipper: attracting the headlines

# The doyen from down under

An interview with the Australian Rules footballer, Robert Dipierdomenico, is akin to being in on the banter of an outback barbecue. Only occasionally the lantern jaw sets hard as questions are fielded with the eloquence of a derelict tractor.

A member of the Hawthorn Football Club, and a damn good one at that, the man dubbed "Dipper" has the playing qualities that puts bums on seats. With a powerful 6ft frame boasting 14st 6lb of sheer persuasion, he has also been known to put the odd backside on the deck.

At home Dipierdomenico attracts the headlines for that very reason, though the name hardly lends itself to single columns, nor is it as Australian as amber nectar or a certain reptilian screen star.

This Sunday, he and his Hawthorn cohorts, the winners of this year's national league Grand Final (the equivalent of the FA Cup final), take on Carlton in the third Foster's Cup match at the Oval. Yesterday, during a break from training, Dipierdomenico held court for pressmen, a mere cover drive from the cricket ground's famous square.

As the coy grin tore open beneath his ample moustache, it was time for pens to be cocked.

*Dipper, is the trip to London just a sight-seeing jaunt or will it be serious stuff on Sunday?* "Ah no we're deadly serious, it's no holiday for us. We've enjoyed a few beers in the past couple of days but on Sunday we'll be breaking our necks to win."

*How do feel about playing on such a famous ground?* "Excited, I guess, but looking at the size of it we'll be doing a lot of bloody running around."

*What about your aggressive approach, it doesn't exactly please everyone does it?* "Sure, I've been called anything from a mongrel to a good guy. Football's my life that's what I'm employed to do it's just that I play the game a bit harder than some blokes."

*Last year's match turned into an all-in-brawl. Can we expect the same this time?* "There's always a bit of niggling between players because of the nature of the game but it won't be a boxing match."

At 30, and with 199 games behind him, Dipierdomenico is into the game's home straight. With one bit part in *Flying Doctors* (a *Neighbours* with wings) and a co-host of an Australian Rules programme for kids, perhaps he has a future on the screen. "A lot of people think I'm a bit of a character but I'll do anything for a laugh."

The organizers of the match are doubtless holding their collective breath that there is no repeat of last year's ugly advertisement for the game, which resulted in no fewer than eight players having their names pencilled into the umpires' books.

But with a valuable trophy, and the chance of a trip to Toronto, to meet the victor of a match in Miami later this month, boys might just be boys come Sunday.

Cameron Kelleher

SQUASH RACKETS: JAHANGIR KHAN OPTS FOR BIG MONEY IN SECOND DIVISION

# Lambs in a two-horse City race

By Colin McQuillan

The promotion of a heavily reinforced Lambs Club squad to the first division of the American Express Premier Squash League, which begins its fifth season on Tuesday, tempts predictions that the title race might develop into a two-horse, all-London affair against Cannons Club, the defending league champions.

Lambs have signed Chris Dittmar, the world number three, and Bryan Beeson, the former British champion and Cannons second string, to head a squad including Stuart Davenport, Hiddy Jahan, Kelvin Smith and Philip Whitlock.

Cannons return with much the same line-up that captured two titles in the past three years, headed by Ross Norman, the 1986 world champion, but with Paul Carter drafted in at fourth string and the lower order including the young and exceedingly promising Simon Parke. Jason Foster, who won the *Dunlop Champion of Champions* club title during the summer, and Lucy Soutter, former women's world junior champion who may well become the first female league player.

Analysis of other national league squads soon puts such undoubted talent into proper perspective, however.

British group: the Australian brothers Rodney and Brett Martin have set the international circuit alight in recent seasons with their uninhibited wristy technique, and their zany compatriot Tristan Nancarrow is, between bouts of manic overambition, the most gifted strokeplayer the game has yet produced.

A newly-formed Cardiff squad, Leekes Welsh Wizards, actually boast two Australians and an Englishman in their list before nominating Adrian Davies, the former Manchester third string, as their top nationalist signing. Geoff Hunt, now aged 41, and the first World Open champion in 1980, will play at first string for the first Welsh side to join the national league and his sometimes unruly compatriot, Ricki Hill, will play at third string.

Gawain Briars, twice British champion but now retired from the international circuit to study law at Cardiff, will play at second string between the two Australians.

Briars' long-time domestic rival, Philip Kenyon, now aged 32, has resisted a similar urge towards retirement with personal sponsorship assistance from the Fin Simod sports equipment company which also supports the Herts Country Club national squad for whom Kenyon will now play at first string ahead of Martin Bodimeade and Adam Schreiber.

Another potent mixture, this time of youthful character, is brewing at Ardleigh Hall where Del Harris, the thrusting young national champion, leads a squad whose average age scarcely rises above 20 but whose combined competitive experience and exuberant appetite may unsettle the best as the demanding European season develops.

The entire England top 40 is listed for national league duty this season. Only two of Europe's top 20 are absent and only 10 of the world's top 50. Five world title winners will play although, oddly, three of them in the second division: Jahangir Khan has signed for *Edgbaston Priory in the northern* region, at a reputed £2,000 a match, Jansher Khan will again play for Stripes Club in the southern region and Jonah Barrington heads the list for Exeter.

Promotion next year seems almost assured for Edgbaston, who have Paul Symonds and a strong working squad backing Jahangir in a northern second division where only Abbeydale's Sami Elopuro, the Finnish number one, offers genuine international opposition.

Jansher Khan, backed by Pakistani colleague Mir Zaman Gul, could encounter far more difficulty earning promotion from a southern second division featuring Zarak Jhain for Bromley and Austin Adarraga for Portsmouth as well as Barrington.

The more fascinating competitive challenge may emanate in the first division from Weston-super-Mare, where the *Castlemaine Weston managers* have signed the three most exhilarating racket men in the world to top a solid working

FIRST DIVISION SQUADS

UTC CANNONS: R Norman, N Harvey, J Hickox, P Carter, D Pearson, R Grainger, S Parke, I Robinson, J Foster, J Leslie, J Cordeaux, L Soutter.
JAMES CAPEL ARDLEIGH: D Harris, J Nicolle, C Walker, R Watt, P Marshall, M Oxley, L Gojnic, A Hands, S Lankester, D Webb, M Allen, R Godden.
LEEKES WELSH WIZARDS: G Hunt, G Briars, R Hill, A Davies, C Jones, D Mabbs, G Davies, N Ryan, B Watkins, W Griffiths, P Ward, P Rees.
DM HALL NORTHERN: C Robertson, G Williams, M Maclean, A Naylor, S Taylor, R Forde, S Rollington, C van der Wath, M Hornby, Z Saleh, Y Abbas, J Hearst.
FIN SIMOD HERTS: P Kenyon, M Bodimeade, J Ransome, A Schreiber, P Gregory, M Cairns, G Fernando, A Thomson, S Ferrar, D Sanders, R Hayes, S Nardell.
MAYFLOWER LAMBS: C Dittmar, B Beeson, S Davenport, P Whitlock, H Jahan, K Smith, D Walker, S Meads, M Wyatt, M Baker, J Foster, G Hoare.
VILLAGE HOTELS: S Hailstone, P Hill, A Taher, C Keith, A Danzey, M Robinson, M Heial, A Foley, J Evans, J Le Lievre, P Wickenden, P Lord.
SERVICROPS THORNBRIDGE: R Eyles, A Wahlstedt, P Millington, N Sikes, J Lilley, J Clark, D Poole, C McManus, D Campion, A Bennet, R Sheikh.
CASTLEMAINE WESTON: R Martin, B Martin, T Nancarrow, R Owen, M Robberds, D Meddings, F Ellis, D Lee, A Evans, J Cornish, M Greenslade, D Bradbury.

HOCKEY

# Britain's future a mystery

By Joyce Whitehead

Only the gold medal winners, Australia, automatically go through to the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, so Great Britain women will have to qualify again. It is not clear if the British squad will remain in being while *England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales* play their separate parts, but they will go ahead with two training weekends, one at the end of this month in Gateshead and the other a fortnight later at Bisham Abbey.

The futures of the coach, Denis Hay, and the manager, Di Batterham, are also uncertain. Do they continue in office or retire and be eligible for re-election?

For the first time since 1945, students from Bedford College of Higher Education are eligible for Bedfordshire and Yvonne Ashford, a former England junior, and Debbie Stubbs are in the Bedfordshire first squad to play Essex on Sunday. At one time the students nearly took over the county team so the Midlands decided to separate them and accepted the college as the 10th team for their county tournament, but with the advent of the national county championship the BCHE team was forced out.

Chris Aspinwall, a former England captain, coached the team last weekend.

RACING: NEW SPONSORED SCHEME OFFERS ENTRY INTO THE SPORT FOR ONLY £140

# Racegoers Club unveils low-cost ownership

By Graham Rock

The Racegoers Club has launched a new, cut-price group scheme which allows participants entry into racehorse ownership for only £140.

The entry fee covers all costs for two years, and is exceptionally low because *Racecall*, which provides daily telephone information and commentaries, has sponsored the scheme up to a limit of £75,000.

The company will pay for the purchase of the horses, up to five at approximately £15,000 each, and at the end of the two-year period they will be sold, with *Racecall* bearing all losses. Seventy five per cent of any overall profit will be divided among group members.

*Racecall* will not be involved in managing the horses, up to three on the Flat and two over jumps; the Racegoers Club Owners' Group trustees, including Lord Oaksey and Peter O'Sullevan, will oversee the operation. Shares are limited to one per participant and each member will receive a telephone, with an exclusive information line.

*Racecall* believe they can recoup the cost of the scheme through use of this premium-rate telephone service. At present their lines are often over-subscribed during racing hours, but idle in the evening, and it is hoped that members will use the dedicated line, and offset the costs of the promotion.

# End to medication urged

Racing authorities are to continue to press for an end to the use of medication in top races in the United States following the International Racing Conference in Paris this week (George Rae writes).

Of the 47 countries in attendance only the United States and Mexico did not totally oppose medication, and the Conference ended hopeful that the next season's Breeders' Cup could be medication free.

"Our aim is to make all grade one races without medication," Jean Romanet, the Conference chairman, said yesterday. "We must begin by eliminating it from those races which could have an effect on the future through breeding."

"The Americans could understand our point of view," he went on, "but they also have problems of their own."

## York results

Going: firm

2.0 (7f) 1, ANGELIC NOTE (W R Swinburn, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Time To Relax (R Cochrane, 33-1); 3, Alshakkaah (R Hills, 2-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Hopes, 8 Bird Of Love (4th), 11 Grecian Hill (5th), 14 Queen Of Athens, 20 Riptide (6th), 33 Les Tamaris. 9 ran. 2l, 5l, ¾l, 1½l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £4.10, £1.30. DF: £47.00. CSF: £50.49. 1min 23.48sec. (Two-year-old course record)

2.30 (1m 2f 110yd) 1, ATHENE NOCTUA (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Geegs (Kim Tinkler, 3-1); 3, Al Khaled (M Hills, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Merry Kate (6th), 8 Raintree Tonic (5th), 9 Paris Mode (4th), 6 ran. hd, 4l, hd, 15l, ¾l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £7.80; £2.70, £1.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £19.08. 2min 13.01sec. After a stewards inquiry and an objection, Geegs who finished first was placed 2nd. Sold 4,400gns to D Franks.

3.0 (1m) 1, SHARON'S ROYALE (D McKeown, 11-1); 2, Rio Pledras (G Bardwell, 8-1); 3, Aldaway (Paul Eddery, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Boot Polish (4th), 8 Puppet Show, Bay Window, 10 Street Party (6th), 12 Ballman, Young Jason (5th). 9 ran. NR: Flute Royale. ¾l, 1½l, ½l, 1½l, 6l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £17.80; £2.90, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £79.90. CSF: £74.84. Tricast: £130.88. 1min 38.14sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.30 (6f) 1, ECHO CHAMBER (R Cochrane, 9-1); 2, Silks Princess (J Ryan, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Sychophante (W R Swinburn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Super Morning (5th), 5 Princess Caerleon, 8 MCA Lucky Star (6th), 9 Fosters Folly (4th), 12 Tow-Star's Lady, 14 Astronomer, 16 Sea Devil, 33 Clonbrock Boy. 11 ran. ½l, 5l, 4l, 6l, 2l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £11.30; £2.60, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £28.70. CSF: £44.43. Tricast: £220.20. 1min 12.58sec.

4.0 (1m 1f) 1, ORAL EVIDENCE (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Konig (M Birch, 5-1); 3, Lucky Verdict (M Hills, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Burning Breeches (4th), 5 Emsleys Choice, 15-2 Velvet Falls, 10 Lucky Verdict, 14 Blasa, Fonliet, 16 Icarus (5th), Pictou Boy (bd), Regents Walk, 20 Love Me Tender, Ryan's Girl, Silent Ring, 25 Come To Terms (6th), Scotgavotte. 17 ran. 3l, 2½l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. W Hastings-Bass. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £2.20, £5.80. DF: £21.60. CSF: £34.44. 1min 52.49sec.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, GOOS LAW (P Burke, 7-2 fav); 2, Cashmere N Caviar (Julie Bowker, 10-1); 3, Galloway Raider (P Dalton, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Planet Ash, Tajtoba (5th), 11-2 Masked Ball (4th), 9 Funny Sarah (6th), 13 Been Boy, 16 Damarz. 9 ran. hd, hd, ½l, 5l, 7l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £3.10, £4.10. DF: £18.90. CSF: £34.42. Tricast: £343.80. 2min 35.66sec.

Placepot: £58.10.

## Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm (mod); good (str)

2.15 (6f) 1, Thorsfield Boy (Ron Hills, 9-1); 2, Rose Campion (6-4 fav); 3, You Missed Me (11-2). 20 ran. Nk, 2l, R Akehurst. Tote: £7.00; £2.20, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £20.47.

2.45 (6f) 1, Major Frolicking (A Clark, 20-1); 2, Sweet Dragon (15-2); 3, Ta Chance (10-1); 4, Mr Tortoy (14-1). Jay Gee 5 fav. 20 ran. 1l, hd, T Jones. Tote: £44.80; £10.60, £1.70, £2.10, £3.80. DF: £75.70. CSF: £170.56. Tricast: £1,482.22. No bid.

3.15 (7f 140yd) 1, Tilt Tech Flyer (N Adams, 8-1); 2, Silverwaycent (25-1); 3, Kremlin Guard (6-1). Precious Platinum 3 fav. 14 ran. Nk, 4l. R Akehurst. Tote: £7.36; £1.70, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £22.70. CSF: £50.15. Tricast: £278.46.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Devizes (J Reid, 10-11 fav); 2, San Giovanni (12-1); 3, Star Nashaw (12-1). 14 ran. 9l, 4l. J Tree. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £2.50, £2.90. DF: £16.80. CSF: £13.60.

4.15 (7f) 1, Thunderbash (T Ives, 9-2); 2, William Four (33-1); 3, Carpe Diem (12-1). Hunstanton 4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Having Fun. 4l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £20.20, £4.20. DF: £368.80. CSF: £118.76.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Subsidy (N Day, 8-4 fav); 2, Homme D'Affaire (12-1); 3, Straight Through (6-1). 15 ran. Hd, 12l. I Matthews. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £3.20, £2.10. DF: £30.70. CSF: £29.82. Tricast: £138.41

PLACEPOT: £44.80

## Cheltenham

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Dawn Prince (Peter Hobbs, 7-2 fav); 2, Kirk's Song (14-1); 3, Gee-A (4-1). 11 ran. NR: Pantour, What A Fox. 8l, ¾l, P Hobbs. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £19.30. CSF: £43.95.

2.50 (2m chl) 1, Tam (A Adams, 5-2 fav); 2, Werner For Leisure (6-1); 3, Yeoptes-Kieng (8-1). 7 ran. 10l, 1l. N Gasston. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £3.00. DF: £8.80. CSF: £15.71.

3.25 (2m hdle) 1, Abbreviation (R Rowe, 3-1 fav); 2, Windbound Lass (13-2); 3, Golden Display (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Tuns Hill, Hamberside Lady. ¾l, 4l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £9.70. CSF: £21.08. Tricast: £85.52.

4.0 (3m chl) 1, Caddy Dale (R Supple, 8-11 fav; Michael Seely's rep); 2, Breenamore (9-2); 3, Celtic Fleet (9-4). 3 ran. 15l, dist. G Hubbard at Woodbridge. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.44.

4.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Jay-Dee-Jay (S McCrystal, 13-2); 2, Well Covered (11-2); 3, Derryorane Lass (100-30) fav). 10 ran. NR: Sonny Hill Lad, Mr Majesty. 4l, 3l. J Davies. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £13.20. CSF: £36.11. Tricast: £113.06.

5.10 (2m 4f chl) 1, Chalk Pit (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav); 2, Palmer's Gold (6-1); 3, Downhill Run (5-2). 6 ran. 1l, 8l. C Brooks. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.51.

5.40 (2m flat) 1, Border Archer (Mr P O'Reilly, 11-1); 2, Riverino (10-1); 3, Complete Optimist (50-1). Sheringham House 8-13 fav. 13 ran. NR: Newtown Dale. 4l, 1l. P Hobbs. Tote: £17.20; £5.60, £2.80, £4.70. DF: £83.00. CSF: £119.10.

Placepot: £14.40.

# Safety probe

The Jockey Club is to investigate further safeguards to injured riders and horses following Chris Grant's injury, when he was kicked by a horse while lying under a fence, at Market Rasen a fortnight ago.

The stewards will reconvene the joint committee on race-course safety which was formed in May last year after a void-race incident at Stratford. It will meet on October 26.

# Miss Garuda is leniently weighted

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

While conceding that the form of pattern races does not always work out well in handicaps, I feel that Mary Linoa's victory in the group one Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp last Sunday points to Miss Garuda being good enough to win the Tankerville Nursery at Ascot today under only 8st 7lb.

Previously Mary Linoa had won the group three Prix d'Aumale over a mile at Longchamp, and on that occasion Miss Garuda was not far behind in sixth. Significantly, she was right in contention passing the seven furlong marker, and I believe that today's shorter distance will suit her admirably.

It was over seven furlongs that this daughter of Persian Bold won at Goodwood at the end of August, and that performance confirmed the good impression she had created in her two previous races, also on the West Sussex track.

In going for New Trends to win the listed Schaefer Systems October Stakes and Petrullo to collect the Schaefer Systems International Handicap, I am banking on today's distance suiting each better than when they last ran over further.

In the case of New Trends it was the 10 furlongs over which she was beaten by Early Call and Rumoosh at Kempton, for her previous race, over a mile at Sandown, where she was runner-up to Dabaweyaa, had fanned the flames of hope that at long last she would live up to the promise she had shown last autumn when beating Dabaweyaa at Ascot last autumn. What I like about New Trends now is that she is a fresh filly, whereas her rivals have been on the go for most of the season.

Even though Petrullo has won over a mile and a half it should be said in unmistakable terms that 10 furlongs could well turn out to be his optimum trip. I am looking to him proving that point by capturing today's valuable handicap over that distance at the expense of Dust Devil and Wabil.

With the current jumping season in mind it will be interesting to see how Impeach shapes in the Wyndham Handicap, his first race for Oliver Sherwood. However, as far as the winner is concerned I will be looking to All Is Revealed to follow that decisive win at Goodwood six days ago with another, probably at the expense of Russian Affair, who had been nibbled at in the ante-post market for next week's Cesarewitch.

From Newmarket I can repeat encouraging reports concerning Storm Free before he attempts to make a winning debut in the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes, which is confined to two-year-olds which have never run, while Jerwah should find life in the Mayflower Apprentices' Stakes much easier than she would have done had she contested today's listed race, which was her alternative engagement.

Finally, Ink Pen (3.15) is taken to trigger off a double for the Yorkshire trainer Peter Easterby at Hexham as he did at Sedgefield nine days ago, when that double was completed by On Tap, who is napped to win the second division of the Beacon Novices' Hurdle.

On Tap was a useful horse on the Flat until he damaged a hock, an injury which necessitated an operation involving the removal of a broken bone. What the Sedgefield race showed clearly was that the operation had been an outstanding success, because a horse's ability to jump involves the vital use of the hocks.

I expect On Tap to show he is ready to go on to better things by beating another recent winner, High Frith.

**Blinkered first time**

ASCOT: 4.15 Strawberry Song.

## Riding towards uncertainty



Sue Camacho coaching trainees at her Malton stables. The programme ends later this month.

# Training scheme to close

By Peter Davenport

A training scheme that has been highly successful in preparing youngsters from deprived inner city areas for careers in the horse racing industry is to close because the Government is withdrawing funding.

Sue Camacho, wife of Manrice Camacho who trains at Malton in North Yorkshire, has been running the programme for YTS trainees for four years.

Every youngster who completed the two-year scheme — more than 60 teenage boys and girls — found jobsin racing stables. Eight boys won apprentice licences and two have ridden winners.

But the funding will cease on October 28 because a dispute between Mrs Camacho and the training commission over the requirement for youngsters to receive off-the-job training. Yesterday the eight boys and four girls currently on the scheme took part in morning exercise at the stables before helping to prepare three horses running at York.

Mrs Camacho, aged 44, said: "This is the only training scheme in the country actually based in a real racing stable. I started it because there was a need in the industry for trained staff, although initially no-one thought it would work.

"I have proved the opposite," she continued. "Every one of the youngsters who have been through here has gone on to a full-time job with a trainer, but to the Training Commission that does not count. Apparently the fact that we have achieved 100 per cent success with all our trainees getting full-time jobs as a result of this course is not part of the criteria. I am extremely angry."

A commission spokesman said yesterday that trainees had to receive not less than seven weeks of a wider based education during their second year.

Yesterday Mrs Camacho said that she agreed to provide lectures from police officers and politicians to give trainees a broader knowledge during out-of-season afternoons. But she felt it more important that youngsters achieve as much practical riding experience as possible.

The commission said yesterday: "Mrs Camacho has achieved an excellent performance but if she hasn't fulfilled these particular conditions then she has damned herself."

# Million Sale still moving upwards

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Kill

The Ir1.3 million guineas paid by Robert Sangster for a Northern Dancer colt was, not surprisingly, unmatched during the later stages of Wednesday evening's second session of the Cartier Million Sale.

However, the successful vendor, Camas Park Stud, also filled the second and third places in the list of leading sales. Tom Cooper of the British Bloodstock Agency (Ireland) paid Ir660,000 guineas for a colt by Nureyev out of Rainbow's Edge, and he revealed that his client was Sir Gordon White, the chairman of Hanson Trust, sponsors of the Ever Ready Derby.

Sir Gordon has already tasted Derby success as one of the partnership involved in last year's winner, Reference Point.

The Curragh Bloodstock Agency then went to Ir470,000 guineas for a colt by the immensely popular Sadlers Wells out of the dual Stakes-winning producer Sairshea. He now joins Sheikh Mohammed's lengthening roster of well-bred youngsters currently being broken at his Kildangan Stud in Co. Kildare.

Another expensive lot destined to accompany the son of Sairshea to Kildangan was the Ir340,000 guineas colt by Sadlers Wells out of the Habitat mare, Querida, the dam of four previous winners.

James Delahooke has been making a number of purchases on behalf of Vincent O'Brien's Classic Thoroughbreds Plc, but I understand the Sadlers Wells colt out of Santa Roseanna, which fetched the fourth highest price of Ir400,000 guineas, was earmarked for another client.

Many had expected the colt would fetch a higher price as his dam was a smart racemare who won the Minstrel Stakes, and at stud has already produced the stakes winner King's College.

Tommy Stack made his biggest investment so far at the sale when late in the evening he outbid a succession of rivals to gain possession of a filly, also by Sadlers Wells, the second produce of the winning mare Wish You Were Here.

The figures for the Wednesday sessions of the Premier Yearling Sale and the Cartier Million Sale duplicated the trendsrecorded on Tuesday. The Premier Sale average declined from Ir13,616 guineas in 1987 to Ir10,619 guineas this year, but there was an impressive rise of more than 11 per cent in the Cartier Million Sale, from Ir93,450 up to Ir104,155 guineas.

The aggregate for the day, including both sales, exceeded Ir10 million guineas.

# Mellor set to vacate stable

Stan Mellor, who has sold Linkslade Stables to Sheikh Mohamed Al Sabah for an estimated £875,000, hopes to move out of his Lambourn yard before the end of next month (Graham Rock writes).

He intends to move temporarily into the King Edward Stud, Wanborough, and later to a new training centre being created near Hinton Parva, Swindon.

"It's a very good area, chalk soil and ideal for training," Mellor said yesterday. "I must have an all-weather gallop, though, and this will be a priority.

"We're really looking forward to it," he continued. "I've dropped down to about 25 horses knowing this was coming, but will build up again as soon as we are established. It's been a job trying to move; three places we've looked at have fallen through, but I think we've got it right this time."

Sheikh Mohamed Al Sabah, whose horses run under the name of Al Deera Bloodstock Holdings, expects to have a full complement of 54 horses at Linkslade. His team in England is trained by Fred Fytche, who will run the new yard, and in Ireland by Dermot Weld, who sent out Gay Burslem to win the group one Premio Parioli in Rome, carrying the Al Deera Bloodstock colours.

## ASCOT

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 All Is Revealed.
2.30 Storm Free.
3.05 New Trends.
3.40 Miss Garuda.
4.15 Petrullo.
4.45 Jerwah.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Blind Faith.
2.30 Storm Free.
3.05 Aim For The Top.
3.40 Miss Garuda.
4.15 Wabil.
4.45 JERWAH (nap).

By Michael Seely

3.40 MISS GARUDA (nap). 4.15 Dust Devil. 4.45 Jerwah.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 JERWAH.

**Going: good to soft** — **Draw: no advantage**

**2.0 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (£7,895: 2m) (8 runners)**

102 (8) 00110- IMPEACH 371 (F,B) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 4-9-10 ..... J Reid 92
103 (6) 1-21334 RUSSIAN AFFAIR 72 (F) (P Hodgson) R Akehurst 4-9-4 ..... M Roberts 86
105 (1) 280361 ALL IS REVEALED 6 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs J Norman) D Thom 5-8-9 (3ex) M Marshall (5) 92
106 (2) 341022 WESTERN DANCER 34 (D,F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 7-8-13 ..... B Crossley 96
109 (5) 00-0213 ICECAPPED 24 (V,F) (R Sangster) J Hills 5-8-12 ..... R Hills 88
110 (7) 1-00100 BLIND FAITH 24 (V,G) (P Newton) M Stoute 3-8-10 ..... W R Swinburn 97
111 (3) 022222 LALITPOUR 15 (S) (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 98
112 (4) 00242/- L B LAUGHS 583 (City & Essex Travel Ltd) Mrs N Smith 5-8-4 ..... S Rouse —

BETTING: 100-30 All Is Revealed, 4-1 Western Dancer, 5-1 Impeach, 6-1 Blind Faith, Lalitpour, 8-1 Icecapped, Russian Affair, 20-1 L B Laughs.

1987: REVISIT 5-8-11 W Carson (10-11 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

**FORM** WESTERN DANCER probably found the 2m 3f trip on heavy ground at Haydock stretching his stamina last time, but he still ran well to finish an 8l 2nd to Nomadic Way (rec 4lb) with BLIND FAITH (1lb better off) 30l away 7th. This trip and going should suit WESTERN DANCER ideally and he would prove hard to beat if reproducing his 4l victory over Jenkski (gave 6lb) at Doncaster (2m) where he broke the course record. A form line through Jenkski suggests that the selection holds LALITPOUR who finished a 3¼l 2nd to that horse (gave 5lb) over this course and distance last time with ALL IS REVEALED (5lb worse off) a further 3¾l away 5th.

ALL IS REVEALED was an impressive winner last time beating For Action (rec 5lb) 4l at Goodwood (2m 3f) but this shorter trip may not suit him as well.

IMPEACH has been off the track for over a year while RUSSIAN AFFAIR, recently backed for the Cesarewitch, may also need the run having not been out since finishing a 4½l 3rd to Dan Busters (levels) at Goodwood (2m 3f) in July.

Selection: WESTERN DANCER (nap)

**2.30 DUKE OF EDINBURGH STAKES (2-Y-O colts and fillies: £7,105: 6f) (9 runners)** BBC 2

201 (2) ASSIGNMENT (Lord Carnarvon) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn —
202 (3) JUMBY BAY (A Bodie) G Harwood 9-0 ..... G Starkey —
203 (6) LOVE PRINCE (Mrs P Mentzel) W Carter 9-0 ..... J Reid —
204 (9) NATHRI (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ..... S Rouse —
205 (4) STORM FREE (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn —
206 (1) THARROS (M Perelcos) M Francis 9-0 ..... W Newnes —
207 (7) BRITTLE (Saeed Maktoum) C Britain 8-9 ..... M Roberts —
208 (5) CHARMING MOLLY (M Ryan) M Stoute 8-9 ..... Pat Eddery —
209 (8) SINGING STREAM (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 8-9 ..... R Cochrane —

BETTING: 11-10 Storm Free, 4-1 Assignment, Charming Molly, 6-1 Brittle, 15-2 Jumby Bay, 16-1 Singing Stream, 20-1 others.

1987: AL MUFTI 9-0 R Hills (5-4 fav) H Thomson Jones 7 ran

STORM FREE, one of two Michael Stoute representatives here, is a son of Storm Bird cost $625,000 and is out of a dam who was placed over a mile and who in turn is a half-sister to Coral-Eclipse winner Solford. He is reported to have been working well.

Diesis is represented by 3 of his sons here, Michael Stoute's second string CHARMING MOLLY, NATHRI, who cost 32,000gns as a yearling, and BRITTLE who cost $120,000. The latter may come out best of the trio being out of a dam who was a useful sprinter.

JUMBY BAY, a son of Thatching, should give a good account of himself.

Assignment by Known Fact out of a Welsh Pageant mare is a brother to a 1987 sprint winner in Ireland and is another worth watching in a race where the betting market is likely to prove the best guide.

Selection: STORM FREE

**3.5 SCHAEFER SYSTEMS OCTOBER STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £8,128: 1m) (8 runners)** BBC 2

301 (2) 16-1063 AIM FOR THE TOP 73 (D,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 93
302 (3) 3-13062 BELL TOWER 28 (B,F,S) (Ist T Breeders Inc) M Grassick (Ire) 9-0 ..... J Reid 86
303 (4) 405310 JUMARJI 13 (D,F,G,S) (F Armitage) M H Easterby 9-0 ..... M Birch 88
304 (1) 542142 THAIDAH 14 (C,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 98
305 (5) 412032 EYE IN THE SKY 46 (F) (F Ward) M Cunningham (Ire) 8-11 ..... W Carson 83
307 (7) 8-23164 LEXIA 21 (S) (Col G Murray-Smith) D Murray-Smith 8-11 ..... R Wernham 76
308 (8) 12-2 NEW TRENDS 35 (C,BF,G) (J Mabee) L Cumani 8-11 ..... R Cochrane 94
309 (6) 4010/0 SUNSHINE COAST 8 (BF,F,S) (Lord Derby) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 ..... M Roberts 82

BETTING: 5-2 Thaidah, 7-2 Aim For The Top, Jamarji, 5-1 New Trends, 8-1 Bell Tower, 10-1 Sunshine Coast, 16-1 others.

1987: NURYANA 3-8-11 S Cauthen (5-1) G Wragg 7 ran

**FORM** NEW TRENDS ran well below par last time when a 4l 3rd of 4 to Early Call at Kempton (1m 2f). However, back over a mile and on this better surface, she is worth another chance to fulfil the promise she showed on her previous start: when finishing a ¾l 2nd to Dabaweyaa (gave 4lb) in a listed race at Sandown (1m).

JAMARJI was another to disappoint last time finishing 18th of 20 behind Mac's Fighter (rec 11lb) at Ascot (7f) but may have found that trip a little on the sharp side. She is better judged on her previous 2l victory over Chipcromallow (gave 4lb) with THAIDAH (4lb better off) a further 3¼l away 4th.

THAIDAH is also closely weighted with AIM FOR THE TOP on running behind Chipcromallow at Goodwood (7f) in July but the latter has not been out since then and may need the run.

Selection: NEW TRENDS

## Course specialists

| Winners | TRAINERS Runners | Per cent | | JOCKEYS Winners | Rides | Per cent | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H Cecil | 31 | 99 | 31.3 | Ron Hills | 3 | 8 | 37.5 |
| L Cumani | 16 | 61 | 26.2 | R Hills | 8 | 43 | 18.6 |
| M Stoute | 32 | 137 | 23.4 | Pat Eddery | 41 | 222 | 18.5 |
| G Harwood | 21 | 94 | 22.3 | W R Swinburn | 23 | 136 | 16.9 |
| D Thom | 3 | 14 | 21.4 | G Starkey | 16 | 101 | 15.8 |
| R Akehurst | 5 | 26 | 19.2 | M Roberts | 10 | 66 | 15.2 |

## WORCESTER

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Talus.
2.45 Rusty Roc.
3.15 Celcius.
3.50 Elvercone.
4.25 Godfather's Gift.
4.55 Okeetee.

**Going: good to firm**

**2.15 SEVERN BRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m 4f) (17 runners)**

1 U4442-1 WOODLAND GENERATOR 13 (V,S) (Miss M Prescot) P Pritchard 9-11-8 ..... R Strange 84
2 6P-1 TALUS 29 (F) (J&D Contract Cleaners Ltd) J Bosley 4-11-5 ..... P Scudamore 90
3 0000UP- ABBEY BRAVE 146 (The Abbey Hosiery Mills) C Tinkler 5-10-10 ..... J Shortt —
5 6/5000- BOLT HEAD 218 (C Lewis) D Barons 5-10-10 ..... P Nicholls —
6 53- GENERAL MEDFORD 305 (J Wilson) M Skinner 5-10-10 ..... C Llewellyn 96
9 0/000P- IMPERIAL CHARTER 158 (Charter Racing Ltd) J Edwards 6-10-10 ..... T Morgan —
10 F/0/- LAST SEASON 567 (W Price) W Price 7-10-10 ..... Gee Armytage —
11 8 LAURIE'S PANTHER 4 (R Kernahan) T Casey 7-10-10 ..... J Osborne —
13 0 RED ANT 20 (W Whiteman) N Pelming 6-10-10 ..... R Dunwoody 99
16 004- THE HILL 185 (G) (J Massey-Collier) B Smart 6-10-10 ..... G McCourt —
21 PRADEL 11F (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 4-10-6 ..... R Crank —
23 006- CELTIC DREAM 129 (West Walk House) T Ellis 5-10-5 ..... T Wall —
24 PP-P CLEO LADY 13 (P Nichols) W Mann 5-10-5 ..... D Morris —
25 0- FAIRYTALE-ENDING 172 (Mrs D Stamp) G Gracey 7-10-5 ..... A Webb —
26 06P/- PLADDA PRINCESS 757 (D Wynne-Morgan) A Wilson 5-10-5 ..... R Goldstein —
29 00/0P/0- SIRDAR GIRL 39F (United Racing Services) D Jermy 5-10-5 ..... P Caldwell (7) —
30 ASHTON DANCER 39F (E Jones) R Peacock 4-10-4 ..... P Caldwell (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 Talus, 11-4 General Medford, 4-1 Woodland Generator, 8-1 Laurie's Panther, The Hill, 12-1 others.

1987: MAGIC MOTION 5-10-10 T Morgan (8-1) J Edwards 23 ran

**2.45 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,015: 2m) (12 runners)**

1 0/1626 LARRY'S BOTTLE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs I McKie) Mrs I McKie 11-11-12 ..... L Harvey 97
4 11U-222 THE WELDER 37 (CD,F,G,S) (R Yates) R Lee 10-11-6 ..... C Llewellyn 93
5 202224- BIFFANY 143 (D,F,S) (J McGrath) T Forster 9-11-5 ..... W Knox 97
7 11P-432 RUSTY ROC 34 (D,S) (M Davies) M Davies 7-10-12 ..... S Earle 99
12 1P221-4 MOUNTAIN MEAR 35 (C,D,F,S) (J King) K Bishop 8-10-6 ..... W Irvine (7) 88
13 414-421 DEEP RIDGE 14 (CD,F,S) (Mrs B Roberts) R Hodges 10-10-4 ..... M Perrett 89
14 25P16-5 SCHLEMMER 11 (D,S) (P Hopkins) G Enright 6-10-3 ..... M Brennan 89
17 4P40P-2 INDIAN 9 (B,D,S) (T Bayley) O Brennan 8-10-1 ..... J Bryan 80
19 PP58F-P STEEL VENTURE 13 (B,D,F,S) (J Wright) A James 9-10-0 ..... R Dunwoody 91
22 0-56316 TAILORED TO TASTE 14 (D,F,G) (D Yearsley) D Williams 9-10-0 ..... S Turner (4) 91
23 662-631 SIMON BOLIVAR 11 (CD,F,G) (J J Birkett) J Birkett 9-10-0 (7ex) ..... R Strange 80
25 43353-F DONNYALLEY LAD 21 (D,F,G) (B Gordon) P Pritchard 7-10-0 ..... A Dempsey —

Long handicap: Steel Venture 9-8, Tailored To Taste 9-4, Simon Bolivar 9-3, Donnyalley Lad 8-12.

BETTING: 9-4 The Welder, 11-4 Deep Ridge, 5-1 Mountain Mear, 6-1 Indian, 8-1 Larry's Bottle, 12-1 Rusty Roc, 14-1 others.

1987: THE WELDER 9-11-8 B Dowling (9-1) R Lee 13 ran

**3.15 FLYAWAY SELLING HURDLE (£1,126: 2m) (15 runners)**

1 0P-6241 CEDAR RUN 13 (D,F) (M Cox) R Simpson 5-11-7 ..... Dean Gallagher (7) 99
7 727161 CELCIUS 11 (B,F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-11-5 ..... G McCourt 99
9 0144-1 LOTUS ISLAND 4 (B,D,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-11-12 ..... S Turner (4) 86
11 0025-52 MAID MARRIER 15 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Worthington) Miss G Rees 5-11-2 ..... N Hawke (7) —
15 0/0/03/- ATRONITOS 318 (Mrs G Lockey) W G Turner 5-11-0 ..... A Carroll 82
16 00-422 BELOW ZERO 10 (D Evans) D Wintle 5-11-0 ..... C Llewellyn 85
18 09F/-5 CLOUD CHASER 8 (Mrs C Hayton) B Forsey 5-11-0 ..... A Price (7) —
19 05050-0 TUESDAY EVENING 15 (D,G,S) (A Phillips) W Price 4-11-0 ..... S Moore —
21 P5 WOLVERINE 35 (J Walker) Mrs J Croft 5-11-0 ..... J Lower —
22 004 MYDAS 14 (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-12 ..... R Dunwoody —
23 5-69 REDDUST 9 (Bearingtons Furniture) O O'Neill 4-10-12 ..... R Hyett —
30 F-05 TOROBELLE 2 (S Nixon) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-9 ..... M Williams 79
33 62-99P3 SPARKLING JUDY 14 (Mrs A Carey) D Carey 4-10-7 ..... D Tagg —
35 4099 THE CROSS 11 (Miss J Perks) L Codd 4-10-7 ..... S Sherwood 89
36 04543-3 WE'RE IN THE MONEY 11 (J Spaiding) J Jenkins 4-10-7 ..... A J Wilson —

BETTING: 5-4 Lotus Island, 3-1 Celcius, 11-2 We're In The Money, 9-1 Below Zero, 12-1 Cedar Run, 14-1 Maid Mariner, 25-1 others.

1987: SHERWOOD FOREST 5-10-10 E McKinley (16-1) J Sayers 23 ran

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**3.40 TANKERVILLE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £7,830: 7f) (16 runners)** BBC 2

401 (13) 0001 GREENWICH PAPILLON 27 (D,G) (J Bird) W Carter 9-7 ..... N Gwilliams (7) 84
402 (7) 10 FLY BY KNIFE 30 (F) (Sir M Sobell) M Stoute 8-13 ..... W R Swinburn 90
403 (14) 318169 GRANDFLORA 15 (D,F) (Miss J Bradlock) J Dunlop 8-10 ..... W Carson 92
405 (12) 33120 LUCKY CRYSTAL 34 (D,F) (Mrs K Duggan) P Rohan 8-9 ..... W Newnes 85
406 (6) 2410 MISS GARUDA 24 (D,G) (J Pearce) W Hastings-Bass 8-7 ..... Pat Eddery 98
407 (15) 401 SYBILLIN 18 (F) (Marquess de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-7 ..... K Fallon (3) 85
408 (10) 313120 HAWWAH 17 (D,F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-6 ..... S Rouse 99
410 (1) 0201 LARISTON GALE 21 (S) (Lariston Ltd) M Tompkins 8-4 ..... R Cochrane 92
412 (11) 514 PETTICOAT POWER 59 (F) (BTR & S Plc) P Cole 8-4 ..... T Quinn 81
413 (5) 3150 RACING HOME 21 (S) (Capt M Lamos) C Britain 8-3 ..... W Ryan 91
414 (9) 514300 FINNAIR FINESSE 70 (S) (P Lancaster) M Haynes 8-3 ..... R Fox 87
415 (4) 3650 HONOUR THE WIND 14 (Blue Chip Racing Plc) R Hannon 8-2 ..... M Roberts 86
416 (3) 000611 NITE NITE LOUISA 16 (B,D,F) (C Buckle) A Lee 7-11 ..... J Quinn (3) 85
417 (16) 40 KISSAVOS 22 (H Stavrakis) N Callaghan 7-9 ..... — 88
420 (9) 600264 LADY SPEED STICK 4 (Food Brokers Ltd) W Bentley 7-7 ..... S Wood (5) 82
421 (2) 500646 FORMIDARE 7 (A Speyer) S Dow 7-7 ..... T Williams 81

Long handicap: Lady Speed Stick 7-4, Formidare 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Nite Nite Louisa, 5-1 Kissavos, Lariston Gale, 11-2 Hawwah, 6-1 Petticoat Power, 8-1 Greenwich Papillon, Miss Garuda, 10-1 others.

1987: GHAAER 8-8 G Baxter (12-1) R Armstrong 13 ran

**FORM** NITE NITE LOUISA is improving fast and will prove difficult to beat off her low weight. She put up a really game performance to beat Pasitiba by a neck at Sandown (5f), with the pair 4l clear. The extra 2f will not inconvenience her, as she had previously beaten Grafton Regis over 7f in a Salisbury seller.

FORMIDARE finished just over 3½l ahead of RACING HOME in 4th that day, but the latter should reverse the placings on 11lbs better terms.

MISS GARUDA, 6th in a Group III event at Longchamp last time (1m), had earlier beaten Top-Boot ¾l at Goodwood (7f), with HONOUR THE WIND (10lbs better off) just over 7½l back in 5th.

SYBILLIN put up an improved performance to beat Lady Nick a short-head at Edinburgh (1m), with the pair 5l clear.

GREENWICH PAPILLON was a 100/1 winner of a Chepstow minor event by a neck from Memphis Blues (7f) and has a stiff task under top weight.

Selection: NITE NITE LOUISA

**4.15 SCHAEFER SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (£9,728: 1m 2f) (17 runners)** BBC 2

501 (14) 340531 DUST DEVIL 14 (B,CD,F,S) (A Ikon) J Dunlop 3-9-13 (7ex) ..... W Carson 95
502 (13) 413-300 VERSATILE 28 (S) (The Queen) I Balding 4-9-10 ..... T Ives 84
504 (5) 351240 PERSILLANT 28 (D,G) (Sir K Bust) M Jarvis 4-8-6 ..... B Raymond 90
505 (6) 342000 NAIL DON 9 (G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 3-8-6 ..... A McGlone 86
506 (4) 422133 PETRULLO 28 (G) (C Webster) R Casey 3-8-5 ..... J Reid 92
507 (5) 301100 MAHRAJAN 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 4-9-1 ..... T Quinn 90
508 (2) 0-03112 WABIL 27 (G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-0 ..... M Roberts 90
509 (1) 142544 MAGNUS PYM 9 (F) (C St George) H Cecil 3-8-0 ..... Paul Eddery 94
511 (11) 11-2600 AU COURANT 21 (G,S) (M Buckley) R Armstrong 3-8-0 ..... M Hills 86
512 (15) 005 WONDER MAN 36 (G Combe) Mrs J Pitman 3-8-13 ..... S Whitworth 96
513 (9) 311620 STRAWBERRY SONG 61 (V,D,F) (M Salem) Miss M Piggott 3-8-11 ..... R Cochrane 89
515 (10) 020115 GOSCAR 18 (D,BF,F) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 3-8-8 ..... N Day 93
516 (7) 836642 FLYAWAY 7 (B,D,G) (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-8-6 ..... Pat Eddery 92
517 (17) 6-03311 NEW MEXICO 18 (D,F,S) (D Pollard) D Morley 4-8-4 ..... M Birch 91
521 (8) 214-620 INDIAN QUEEN 53 (V,G) (Sir G Brunton) W Hastings-Bass 3-7-13 Dale Gibson (5) 84
522 (12) 013455 TRUE QUEEN 34 (D,G) (G Lock) J Bethell 3-7-11 ..... S Dawson 83
523 (16) 424040 SOMEBODY 22 (S) (Lord Tavistock) C Britain 4-7-10 ..... T Williams 98

BETTING: 4-1 Wabil, 5-1 Magnus Pym, 6-1 Indian Queen, New Mexico, 13-2 Dust Devil, 8-1 Goscar, True Queen, 10-1 Versatile, 12-1 others.

1987: WOOD CHISEL 3-8-10 C Asmussen (9-2) B Hills 5 ran

**FORM** DUST DEVIL put up a much-improved performance when fitted with blinkers here (1m 2f), forging clear to beat Cruise Ship 6l and can defy a 7lb penalty; earlier DUST DEVIL had finished just over 2l 3rd to Per Quod at Haydock (1m 2f), with PERSILLANT (12lbs better off) 5l back in 4th and TRUE QUEEN (10lbs better off) in 5th.

WABIL, is in good form, winning handicaps at Ripon (1m) and York (1m 1f) in game fashion. Last time out, WABIL finished ½l 2nd to Aunt Mabel at Doncaster (1m 2f 50y), with the pair 3l clear.

NEW MEXICO ran on well to beat Stonebroker by a neck at Leicester (1m 2f), but faces a stiffer task here.

INDIAN QUEEN was unplaced behind Park Street at Windsor in August (1m 70yd). That was her first outing since running at Cagnes in March; she has since been dropped 8lbs by the handicapper and could run well at a decent price.

Selection: DUST DEVIL

**4.45 MAYFLOWER APPRENTICES STAKES (£4,025: 1m) (9 runners)**

601 (5) 316223 FACT FINDER 15 (CD,G,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-0 ..... Ron Hills (3) 78
602 (1) 558164 HANSEATIC 16 (B,D,G) (J Carrington) P Makin 4-9-0 ..... T Sprake (5) 85
603 (8) 301310 TORRANCE 9 (B,F,G) (Mrs M Bates) D Wilson 4-9-0 ..... R Morse 82
607 (6) 103320 HYMN OF HARLECH 15 (B,D,F,G) (T Bullmore) D Elsworth 5-8-11 ..... A Procter (5) 80
608 (3) 256321 OTTERGAYLE 27 (G,S) (Mrs L Wigram) P Walwyn 3-8-11 ..... J Quinn 88
610 (7) 1-045 SEA SYMPHONY 58 (D,S) (E Seltzer) P Cole 3-8-11 ..... G Thompson (10) 93
613 (9) 346094 NO JAZZ 9 (F) (Mr Sosenski) M Ryan 5-8-8 ..... N Gwilliams (5) 59
616 (2) 300450 BURKAN 6 (B,F) (F Kelly) N Callaghan 3-8-5 ..... K Fallon 95
618 (4) 53115 JERWAH 49 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-2 ..... L Dettori 98

BETTING: 7-4 Jerwah, 4-1 Sea Symphony, 11-2 Ottergayle, 6-1 Burkan, 10-1 Fact Finder, Hanseatic, 16-1 Hymn Of Harlech, No Jazz, 20-1 Torrance.

1987: PILOT JET 4-8-1 D Biggs (9-2) R Williams 6 ran

**FORM** JERWAH is the logical choice at the weights. She did not enjoy the best of runs last time, but still ran creditably to finish 5l 6th to Dabaweyaa at Sandown (1m); earlier won a Newmarket graduation event in good style by 2l from Dwadi (1m).

FACT FINDER finished 4l 3rd to Curwa Charlie here last month (1m), with BURKAN (12lbs better off) a further 9l back in 5th.

BURKAN has since run a fine race to finish a close 7th of 29 to Quinlan Terry (rec 3lb) in the Cambridgeshire.

OTTERGAYLE won a ladies race in good style at Doncaster from Defence Policy (gave 3lb) over 7f.

SEA SYMPHONY had twice been withdrawn after refusing to enter the stalls. He has good form in the past, but has yet to show it this season.

Selection: JERWAH

### Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 82

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: U if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

**3.50 STRETTON LEISURE NOVICES CHASE (£2,588: 2m 4f) (17 runners)**

5 05/006-P ALLGOLD MEMBER 6 (B) (Exors S Strange) C Popham 5-11-0 ..... B Powell —
6 P38F/P-2 BALLYTRENT 15 (D Snone) R Brotherton 8-11-0 ..... Mr G Hanmer 98
8 45/6530- BRUNI BABY 31F (F Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-0 ..... Peter Hobbs —
9 U6050-5 COURT RAPIER 14 (F) (H Perry) K Bishop 6-11-0 ..... S Earle —
12 4200/P- ELVERCONE 265 (J Phillips) A Wilson 7-11-0 ..... S Cawley —
13 0/ FIDUCIARY DUTY 1065 (Major A Pearn) J Honeybell 9-11-0 ..... — —
15 0000P-P GIDDY BIRD 6 (P Oppenheimer) S Harris 7-11-0 ..... R Rowe —
17 KILTON PARK (T Pocock) R Pocock 6-11-0 ..... P Richards —
20 P23-934 MAIDEN DIMPLA 28 (S) (J Saunders Limited) W Fisher 11-11-0 ..... D Tagg 89
23 0/0P844- NICOSIAN 225 (Southern Racing) D Barons 6-11-0 ..... — 86
24 640/555- OAKGROVE 151 (S Lewis) R Lee 6-11-0 ..... B Dowling 92
32 6460P0/- COUTURE COLOR 538 (Couture Marketing J Mackie 5-10-12 ..... S J O'Neill —
36 3PP-00P MATCHLESSLY 14 (B Gordon) P Pritchard 5-10-12 ..... R Strange —
38 05035-5 HANDY LANE 6 (F,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 7-10-9 ..... P Nicholls 89
39 P3-0 RODEO FUN 39 (Mrs A Chasten) J Ringer 6-10-9 ..... M Brennan —
40 F0PP-65 THAMES AIR 9 (Mrs P Fairbairn) Mrs S Richardson 8-10-9 ..... — —
43 PF00P-0 THE FURNITUREMAKER 11 (G Amey) D Gandolfo 5-10-7 ..... S McNeill —

BETTING: 5-2 Ballytrent, 7-2 Handy Lane, 5-1 Nicoghan, 7-1 Maen Dippa, 10-1 Court Rapier, 12-1 Oakgrove, Rodeo Fun, 14-1 Thames Air, 16-1 others.

1987: PUCKS PLACE 6-11-0 P Scudamore (3-2) N Gaselee 16 ran

**4.25 ASTON VILLA HANDICAP CHASE (£2,313: 3m) (7 runners)**

5 UP-P644 KYOTO 21 (F,G) (S Monkhouse) J Jenkins 10-11-10 ..... S Sherwood 86
7 2/0362P- CO MEMBER 186 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Fielding) T Forster 12-11-6 ..... N Doyle 96
12 F22P-13 WAY UNDER 9 (CD,F) (Lady E Nugent) D Nugent 8-11-2 ..... M Perrett 97
14 11434/P- TUDOR ROAD 371 (CD,F,G,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 13-10-11 ..... P Nicholls —
19 662-114 GODFATHER'S GIFT 42 (BF,F) (R Starkie) G Ham 8-10-4 ..... B Powell 99
20 244204 DONAGHMOYNE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (C Ward) Miss L Bower 11-10-3 ..... Mr T Grantham 95
25 0-606 ROMAN SEA 13 (Mrs N Bird) M Tate 7-10-0 ..... P Scudamore —

Long handicap: Roman Sea 9-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Godfather's Gift, 3-1 Way Under, 9-2 Tudor Road, 13-2 Kyoto, 8-1 Co Member, 12-1 Donaghmoyne, 20-1 Roman Sea.

1987: WEE WILLIAM 10-10-2 B Powell (11-2) J Bradley 7 ran

**4.55 SEVERN BRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m 4f) (14 runners)**

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BOXING: LUCRATIVE DEFENCE FOR BRITISH FLYWEIGHT WHOSE SKILLS BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES OF BUCHANAN AND WINSTONE

# Brilliant McKenzie stoops to conquer world's best

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The best thing that has happened to British boxing since Ken Buchanan and Howard Winstone is Duke McKenzie. His eleventh-round victory over Rolando Bohol, the International Boxing Federation world flyweight champion from the Philippines, did boxing proud in this country. Apart from the two old-timers it is difficult to find a boxer in the last 20 years whose pure boxing skills have given so much pleasure.

Even if McKenzie were to lose his world title the next time out this bout at the Grand Hall, Wembley on Wednesday night will be remembered as the perfect encounter between a boxer and a fighter: the tall, 5ft 8in. skinny McKenzie, who, according to his manager, Mickey Duff, "looks like a pair of braces", boxing behind his long left and the four-inches-shorter, southpaw Filipino trying to leap in with the big right.

The boxers remained fiercely competitive throughout yet never lost sight of boxing skill. It is true that Bohol was specially picked by the shrewd Duff, because he was too small to get to McKenzie and was made for the upright style of the Croydon boxer, but in the final analysis it was good old English meat-and-two-veg boxing that triumphed over steak-and-chips incoming American-type fighting. After taking two rounds to work out the southpaw awkwardness of the Filipino, McKenzie gradually raised his pace round by round until by the tenth he was shaping into his punches with perfect leverage, particulary to the body. As Duff said: "He is one of the best champions technically. I have seldom seen a fighter so tall who can bend the knees for those body shots."

It was marvellous also for British boxing that the contest reached such a high degree of skill and excitement without any pre-fight hype or eyeball-to-eyeball confrontations or arrogance of any kind. Except for a low blow in the fifth round that cost Bohol a point and a clash of heads in the eighth when the Filipino suffered a cut eye, the contest proceeded with the minimum of interference by the referee. John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, praised his efficient handling of the contest. Of McKenzie, Morris said: "He is a great credit to the sport. We are proud of him."

McKenzie was modest to the last, and yesterday gave credit to Lloyd Honeyghan for last-minute encouragement: "One of the things he told me was 'No pain, no game.' " McKenzie, who had celebrated all night by drinking ginger beer and eating Mars bars and jelly, luxuries he had missed during training, added: "I can't believe that as an amateur I never won anything, didn't even represent my country, lost 45 of my 90 fights and here I am, world champion." Since those amateur he has always said to himself: "If I don't say to myself that the man in the other corner can beat me, I can't perform. That's the way I've always been.

McKenzie, a painter and decorator, who has made only £80,000 from his boxing in six years, is looking forward to better pay days. He said: "My main objective now is to make money out of boxing. I don't care about unifying titles. I want the cash. I can make it from Bassa, although that fight could cause me a handful of problems. He is very courageous, very cunning and a better fighter now than when he defended against McAuley."

McKenzie, who has given up his European title to concentrate of defences of his world title, could indeed face Fidel Bassa, of Colombia, the World Boxing Association champion, in January at the Albert Hall. "I have already got the letter from the bank manager," McKenzie said. "The purse for that one will square my debts and settle my overdraft, then I can start even again and hopefully begin to make some good money." The Albert Hall should be full for the first time in years.



Helping hand: Britain's other world champion, Lloyd Honeyghan, spurred McKenzie on

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Regards to Murphy's chit-chat

By Keith Macklin

Alex Murphy and Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, remember August 1984 as the blackest in their lives. An altercation between the two at Central Park saw Murphy's coaching contract instantly severed, Lindsay suffered a pair of "sore eyes" and Murphy had a telephone receiver bounced off his head.

Murphy describes the incident with typical bluntness in his biography *Murphy's Law* by Brian Clarke. The row erupted at the pre-season charity seven-a-side tournament staged and won by Wigan on an afternoon of golden sunshine.At the launch at St Helens yesterday, Murphy said: "I noticed that everybody was being paid expenses for the afternoon. When, as a matter of principle, I asked for my expenses, Lindsay called me a "money-grabbing little bastard."

"My mother and father would not have liked to hear that so I delivered a couple of good left hooks and got the telephone bounced off my head. It was a terrible blow leaving such a great club as Wigan, and for a time I thought I had done the wrong thing."

Murphy is now happily in command at St Helens, his home town club, for whom he signed, aged 16, in 1956. His signing-on fee was a paltry £80, paid by St Helens in two instalments of £40. Warrington, for whom his father James had played, had offered the majestic sum for that time of £1,500, but his heart was set on playing for his home town team.

Throughout his successful career as an international player, culminating in his choice to be one of the first members of the Hall of Fame, Murphy has played for St Helens, Warrington and Leigh and has taken all three clubs to trophy success as a player or coach. Yet his scathing wit has created many enmities and he said yesterday: "I honestly believe that I was never given the Great Britain coaching job because of my blunt speaking."

Murphy's greatest moment on the field came in the Great Britain tour of Australia in 1958, the teenage half-back was a cocky enough to "wind up" the opposition with his constant flow of tart and goading on-field comments. Typical, was the remark made to Gordon Clifford, the Australian full back in the third international. The series was tied 1-1 when Great Britain played Australia in the decider at Sydney. Before a crowd of around 80,000, Murphy and his colleagues toyed with Australia and ran up 40 points.

Earlier in the week Murphy had been to an official dinner at which he had met Clifford's father, who had said to him "give my regards to Gordon on Saturday." As Murphy sidestepped Clifford on his way to a try he said: "Your father sends his regards" and skilfully avoided a flying boot which would have deposited him on the back row of the grandstand.

*Murphy's Law, by Brian Clarke (Heinemann Kingswood, £5.95).*

LACROSSE

## Australians' impressive run continues

The undefeated Australian women's touring side netted their hundredth goal of the tour and their ninth victory from 10 games when they beat South Territory 4-0 at St Paul's Girls School, Hammersmith, yesterday (Peter Tatlow writes).

South conceded three goals in the first half but, after the interval, let only one more in. Several players, including Vieyra, the captain, Jones, and Graham ran the field only to lose the ball at the goalmouth.

After the interval, however, South put together many excellent moves through Wilson, Boothman, Jones and McDonnell, but all the attempts failed.

GOAL SCORERS: Australia: C Flatt (2), J Hurst, M Barlow.

CRICKET: PAKISTAN WILL BE HARD TO BEAT ON A PITCH READY FOR RUNS

# Australians need to be in high spirits to salvage mediocre tour

From Richard Streeton
Lahore

Australia have a last chance during the next eight days to salvage something from what has been a disappointing tour of Pakistan. They know that previous shortcomings would be partly atoned by good performances in the third Test that starts today and in the two one-day internationals that complete the itinerary.

The Australian's believe the gap between the two teams is narrower than might be thought and that the series can still be squared. Certainly on a good pitch in Faisalabad, Australia had their moments in the drawn second Test but any hope of victory was lost through dropped catches.

This uncharacteristic, poor fielding, has been indicative of how low Australian spirits dropped after the controversial first Test in Karachi. Australia might have it in them to raise their game but Pakistan will be hard to beat on a pitch here which looks full of runs.

It might provide a little assistance to the bowlers on the first morning and both sides are expected to include an additional pace bowler. Pakistan have Mohsin Kamal standing by to replace Iqbal Qasim, the left-arm spinner, and there is a chance, too, that Moin-ul-Atiq will win his first cap in place of Mudassar Nazar. Moin, a neat, opening batsman, toured the West Indies with Pakistan earlier in the year.

Australia look certain to include McDermott, who found real pace yesterday during practice at the attractive Lawrence Gardens ground which was used to stage Test matches before the vast Gadiffi stadium was built. McDermott would play instead of Sleep, the leg-spinner. It would leave May, the off-spinner, as Australia's only slow bowler, with Border to help out.

A harder decision for the touring team will be whether to play Veletta instead of Waugh, the all-rounder, who has hardly made a run in Pakistan. Eight innings have brought him only 101 runs. Veletta, a brilliant fielder anyway, is a sound right hander from Perth.

Veletta's previous five Tests included the bicentennial games with England in Sydney, but he has not yet made his mark at the highest level. His family originally came from Italy. One of this team's more inventive nicknames have him dubbed "Wag", an abbreviation for Western Australia Godfather.

Should Javed Miandad win the toss for the third time, it will be as essential for Australia to take advantage of any help there is in the pitch. Pakistan have virtually no tail and will be perfectly content to take their time and build an unassailable score that would ensure they keep their 1-0 lead in the series.

Both Ramiz Raja and Salim Malik are overdue for runs. Miandad enters the match only 18 short of becoming the eleventh man to reach 7,000 Test runs, leaving the Indian, Vengsarkar, next in line to achieve the feat next year.

For Australia it would be timely for Jones and Boon to find their best form but the Pakistan spinners have exposed the limitations of modern day Australians against the turning ball. Australia could well give an improved showing but it is still hard to visualise them winning the match.

PAKISTAN: Javed Miandad (capt), Moin-ul-Atiq, Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Saleem Yousuf, Iqbal Qasim, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Aamer Malik, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mudassar Nazar.

AUSTRALIA: A R Border (capt), D C Boon, G R Marsh, D M Jones, G M Wood, S R Waugh, M R J Veletta, A I C Dodemaide, C J McDermott, T B A May, B A Reid, I A Healy, P R Sleep, J D Siddons, P L Taylor.

BOWLS

# Cope has the satisfaction of beating Bryant in final

By David Rhys-Jones

On Sunday, six disabled players fly to Seoul for the paralympics as part of a team of nearly 200 competitors from Britain when the Olympic village and sports facilities recently occupied by able bodied athletes will be taken over by paraplegics, amputees, the visually handicapped, sufferers from cerebral palsy and others, known officially as *Les Autres*.

Britain's blind bowlers will not be there. They are not happy with the classification system employed at the paralympics, and prefer to hold their own world championship, which are scheduled to be played in Harare in May.

England's leading visually handicapped bowlers were at Thornbury, near Bristol, yesterday, fighting it out for a chance to partner Tony Allcock or David Bryant in the first blind and professionals tournament, sponsored by the Bristol and West Building Society, who, as well as the prizes, donated £3,000 towards the England team's expenses at the 1989 world blind championship.

Blind players are allowed few concessions: merely a fixed mat position, a sighted helper or adviser, a centre string to align themselves and an official who describes the terminal position of each bowl by referring to the face of a clock. Thus a bowl three feet away at 6 o'clock is a yard short, at 12 o'clock is a yard past the jack.

Johnny Cope, a St Dunstans bowler, was blinded in North Africa when he was 19, and has developed a unique delivery style. An all-round sportsman, he swims 100 lengths each day and has travelled the world competing in track and field events. He partnered Allcock to a single shot win, 17-16, against Keith Bell, of West Suffolk blind bowlers and Bryant in yesterday's final, and had the immense satisfaction of knowing that his bowl scored the winning shot on the decisive 21st end.

Keith Bell was an Essex county player before his sight failed, and led well for Bryant throughout the game. Bell and Bryant, in fact, appeared to be heading for victory when a characteristic take-out from Allcock left Cope's bowl in a match-winning position.

Spectators who had not watched blind bowlers in action before were incredulous at the accuracy achieved by Cope and Bell. The English Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers, however, is active in many of the 300 or so clubs affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Associations.

RESULTS: First round: M Lyne (London) bt J Howard (Weston super Mare), 18-12; S Waters (Bristol), bt T Groves (Bristol), 15-10; J Cope (St Dunstans) bt T Pyke (Bury St Edmunds), 13-12; K Bell (West Suffolk bt T Brown (St Dunstans), 18-11. Second round: Bell bt Lyne, 16-12; Cope bt Waters, 21-6. Final: Cope and T Allcock (Cotswold) bt Bell and D Bryant (Clevedon), 17-16.

# Double blow but City of Ely can bounce back

By Gordon Allan

David Cornwell and Simon Tutchener, who played for the winning City of Ely team in the final against Hartlepool in March, are unavailable for the first-round match with Bedford in the Anglia Secure Homes club championship tomorrow.

Cornwell's rink has been reshuffled with Graham Skinner, Greg Harlow and Trevor Lowe each moving up a place and Jeff Day coming in at lead.

Steve Palmer leads instead of Tutchener on Derek Cowling's rink. Otherwise Ely are unchanged. They beat Bedford in the second round last winter, and having opened as early as the August Bank Holiday this season, they should be well prepared for serious competition.

A number of new clubs make their championship debuts including Oyster, Whitstable, Downs (Seaford), and Blackpool Borough where John Leeman, the 1985 national under-31 champion has been appointed secretary.

CITY OF ELY: Rink 1: S Seymour, A Easy, F Thurling, A Blair. Rink 2: K King, S Bullman, J Campion, R Harlow. Rink 3: G Day, G Skinner, G Harlow, T Lowe. Rink 4: S Palmer, N Stride, A Butcher, D Cowling.

CYCLING

# Doyle in tandem for record

By Peter Bryan

Tony Doyle, with a programme of 13 six-day races this winter on Europe's indoor tracks, starts in the Munster event tonight with his favourite partner, the Australian world champion, Danny Clark.

The pair have set themselves to equal, if not break, this winter the record 19 six-day partnership victories of Patrick Sercu and Peter Post. Doyle and Clark have scored 13 wins together and are rated as Europe's No. 1 combination.

Earlier this week, in the Antwerp six-day event which opened the winter season, Doyle finished third, partnered by Adriano Baffi of Italy riding in only his second event.

"I wasn't worried." Doyle said yesterday."It's all part of the sport to help the newcomers."

Europe's six-day programme is demanding on the riders with little time for recovery between each event.

Doyle has a new partner at Grenoble, which starts on October 27, in Greg Lemond, the first American winner of the Tour de France, who replaces the 1987 world road champion, Stephen Roche (Ireland) who has decided to cancel his winter track engagements to prepare for next year's road season.

The Paris six-day race, scheduled for February, has been cancelled because the majority of French road men, who were offered contracts, are committed to early season training camps and races.

TENNIS

# Dahlman looks the better bet

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Carin Bakkum and Cecilia Dahlman, two of that host of female tennis players who confess to 5ft 11in but never confess to more, will contest the singles final of the Lawn Tennis Association's £14,500 tournament at The Ball Park, Eastbourne, today.

Bakkum, aged 26, comes from Amsterdam. In two consecutive matches she has flirted with defeat. Yesterday she won 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 against the sturdily built Gabriella Boschiero, of Bologna, who is 10 years younger and 8in shorter.

Bakkum's early difficulties sprang partly from the fact that she could not keep her mind in the right gear. Later, her experience and her physical talent for the attacking game became decisively evident.

Dahlman, aged 20, comes from Malmö. She first attracted notice over here by winning a tournament at Sutton two years ago. In December she may play for Sweden in the Federation Cup competition in Melbourne. At Eastbourne, she has lost only 16 games in four matches.

Yesterday Dahlman won 6-2, 6-1 against Andrea Betzner, who hails from Freiburg in the Black Forest, which is a lovely place to hail from. Dahlman looks a slightly better bet than Bakkum for the £2,200 first prize.

The idea of this tournament — and that to be played next week at Telford — is to give British players more competition and a chance to earn decent money and enough ranking points to improve their international status.

So far, it has not quite worked out as the LTA hoped it would. There were 14 British players (43.75 per cent) in the first round of the singles but they emerged with only 28.2 per cent of the prize money and only 31.39 per cent of the ranking points.

There was some compensation in the doubles, because Valda Lake and Anne Simpkin reached the final. Reluctantly, one has to add that their three matches have all been against other British partnerships.

Finally, it has to be good news for British tennis that Mark Cox has accepted a three-year LTA appointment, beginning on January 1, as an itinerant national coach. For 30 weeks a year he will serve as a link between the LTA training department and regional coaches.

Part of Cox's job will be to help in identifying and developing exceptionally talented players of both sexes. Such a scheme, talent spotting by formerly prominent British players, was dear to the heart of the late Mike Sangster. What a pity it is that "Satch" cannot be part of it.

ICE HOCKEY

# Season promises fierce edge to competition

By Norman de Mesquita

British ice hockey's premier competition, the Heineken League, gets under way this weekend and all the indications are that the premier division will be the most competitive for years.

When Fife Flyers signed three former Czechoslovak internationals — Vincet Lukac, Jindrich Kokrmeut and Milan Figala — it was thought that their experience and skill would prove irresistible. But they have found the physical nature of the game in this country difficult to attune to and it is even being suggested that they may not last the season.

This would be sad, but with a preponderance of Canadians among the imports, it is inevitable that British ice hockey is more akin to the North American physical style. In addition, much is asked of imports and they spend as much as forty minutes out of every sixty on the ice.

In spite of losing the Cooper brothers, Durham Wasps have made an impressive start to the season, and if their new Canadian forward, Dave Anderson, maintains his scoring form, Wasps will once again be among the frontrunners.

Whitley Warriors have retained last season's leading scorer, Scott Morrison, and seem to have recruited well with Hilton Ruggles and Mike Rowe, while the acquisition of the high scoring Rick Fera has had a lot to do with Tayside Tigers (formerly Dundee Rockets) qualifying for the Norwich Union Cup final at the expense of Murrayfield Racers.

The Racers will once again be in contention with the abundant talents of Tony Hand to add to their three imports. Peterborough Pirates, who only just retained their premier division status last April, will certainly have a much better season thanks to some judicious signings of British players and the arrival of Wayne Crawford, who looks the classiest of all the new imports.

Streatham Redskins are benefiting from the experience gained by their youngsters last season, but Nottingham Panthers seem to be in need of strengthening as do Ayr Bruins and Solihull Barons.

YACHTING

# Dinghies endeavour to outclass the rest

By Barry Pickthall

It is 27 years since Peter Bateman and Keith Musto, then two young champions representing the Junior Cadet class, won the first showdown between national champions from all the dinghy classes for the Endeavour trophy.

Since then, the magnificent silver model of Thomas Sopwith's J class America's Cup challenger, has been the centrepiece to a yearly event organized by the Royal Corinthian YC at Burnham on Crouch to find the champion of champions.

Interest in this year's event, which starts with four races tomorrow, has been heightened by a £1,000 purse for the winning crew, attracting 25 champions from classes as varied as the ubiquitous Mirror to the pedigree Merlin Rocket.

Charlotte Neill, the Cadet champion is travelling from Exmouth in an effort to repeat the Bateman/Musto success, but faces strong competition from the three-times winner, Ian Southworth, representing the GP14s, the National 12 champion, Tony Edwards, and Andrew Brown from the Lasers.

The event traditionally is held in Jack Holt-designed Enterprise dinghies, providing an advantage to their champion, Ian Barker, who is out to emulate last year's winner, Neil Marsden, the Enterprise world champion.

One item the ultimate champion will not be taking home with him this year is the trophy which has been returned to the club after a painstaking two-year refit carried out by Tony Allen to repair a broken mast, rigging and dents to the silver bull incurred during the trophy's 25-year nomadic life in the famous but careless hands of earlier victors.

Winners will now receive a small replica, while the £5,000 trophy, orginally found three decades ago gathering dust in a London silversmith by the dinghy stalwart, Beecher Moore, takes pride of place in the new Corinthian club house.

● As lawyers representing New Zealand's beaten America's Cup challenge prepare their briefs for an initial hearing in the New York Supreme Court next Wednesday, in an effort to disqualify Dennis Conner's catamaran winner, attention has turned to a meeting of minds this week between designers and players in Southampton to thrash out proposals for a new class of Cup racer.

The five-day conference, convened by Alan Bond's longest serving crewman, John Longley, has attracted 11 of the world's top racing yacht designers, together with just as many of the sport's politicians and syndicate leaders.

"We're fleshing out the rule proposals for an 85ft light displacement boat put forward by the designers in San Diego last month," Longley confirmed yesterday. "And we are bouncing back those ideas on the syndicates to ensure that we are building for the right market."

Longley and his team, who include the New Zealand designer, Bruce Farr, and Britain's Rob Humphreys, who is chairing the design meetings, expect to have their "loophole" proof proposals for a modern, more exciting alternative to 12 metres by Sunday and challengers are expected to decide on their choice early in November.

## Soviets issue challenges

San Diego (AP) — Four Soviet yacht clubs have officially registered as challengers for the next America's Cup. The Cup holders, San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC), has received separate challenge letters from clubs in Tallin, Leningrad, Odessa and Poti, officials representing SDYC said.

"The Soviet challenges represent an exciting new era for the America's Cup," said Tom Ehman, the vice-president and general manager of Sail America, SDYC's defence manager. "The Soviets have proven themselves as tough competitors in Olympic yachting. These are truly historic challenges."

SDYC has received 11 other challenges for America's Cup XXVIII. Challenges have been issued from yacht clubs in Australia (two), France, Italy, Great Britian (three), Japan (three), and Sweden. The challenge deadline is November 8, 1988.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

**FOOTBALL**

**Barclays League Fourth division**

Tranmere v York

UEFA CUP: First round, second leg (first leg score in brackets): Austria Vienna (0) v Zhalgiris Vilnius (USSR) (2).

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Section A: Larne v Crusaders. Section B: Glenavon v Distillery.

**RUGBY UNION**

CLUB MATCH: Glamorgan Wanderers v Neath (7.15).

**OTHER SPORT**

EQUESTRIANISM: Audi Chatsworth three-day event.

GOLF: Suntory World Match Play Championship (Wentworth); WPGA Classic (Stoke Poges).

SPEEDWAY: Fifth international: National League v Australia (Peterborough). National League: Knockout Cup final, first leg: Hackney v Peterborough. British League: Knockout Cup final, second leg: Belle Vue v Cradley. National League: Edinburgh v Rye House.

SHOOTING: British air gun championships (Cardiff).

SQUASH RACKETS: British under 21/23 closed championship (Lambe Club, London).

TENNIS: LTA tournament (Eastbourne).

## SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomorrow).

GOLF: BBC2 2.15-6 p.m. Highlights: 11.20 p.m.-12 a.m.: Suntory World matchplay championship from Wentworth (includes racing).

ICE SKATING: C4 6.30-7 p.m. Skate Electric United Kingdom International: Highlights from Richmond.

RACING: BBC2 2.15 p.m.: 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races from Ascot.

## TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

BRITISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP: Described as cross-country motorcycling, the eighth and final round of the British Motocross championship takes place at Hatherton, Cheshire on Sunday. Top moto-cross competition is held mainly over the Spring and Summer period. This creates faster racing in the drier conditions with much airborne excitement and, to complement the spectacle, the top 35 championship riders start together, contending vigorously for position at the first bend. The one-mile Hatherton circuit has a stream as a additional hazard and good, safe spectating is ensured.

Kurt Nicholl, of Newport, Essex, riding a Kawasaki, has already won the championship and will compete on Sunday. Having been runner-up on the previous two occasions, he deposes former World 500cc champion, David Thorpe, of Wokingham, who has won this competition for the last five years. Problems with his Honda hindered Thorpe's progress early in the season and, though presently in third place behind Jared Smith, of Guisborough, also riding a Honda, injuries sustained in the World 500cc championship have ruled him out of Sunday's racing.

HOW TO GET THERE: Hatherton circuit, nr Nantwich, Cheshire. The circuit is on the A529 south east of Nantwich. Leave M6 at Junction 16. Admission is £4 for adults with children under-15 and parking free. Practice starts at 9.30 a.m. and the first heat is at 10.30 a.m.

Determination overrides Trotman's disabilities to make an exceptional athlete

# Taking the path of most resistance

By Steve Acteson

Being born with cerebral palsy was bad enough. Breaking her neck in a freak accident five years ago made Ann Trotman's path through life harder still.

Yet this purposeful 36-year-old from Bristol will represent Great Britain in the Seoul Paralympics at javelin, discus and shot put and also as the reigning 100 metres backstroke disabled world record-holder despite now being a quadriplegic. She leaves for South Korea today.

Her 100 metres time of 2 minutes 54 seconds is understably slow but the paralympics qualifying time is four minutes, and she can also put the shot 3.60 metres against a qualifying mark of 2.70.

A life time of struggling "to fight the system" which is geared around able-bodied people has made Ann utterly determined to override her disabilities in all walks of life and in Seoul "I'll be very disappointed if I don't make the finals of all my events and while medals would be a bonus, I'm in with an outside chance".

Five years ago while bending to pick up the post she slipped, twisted awkwardly and fractured a bone so high in her neck that it was inoperable.

"That put me in a wheelchair much more than before", but she struggled on regardless. Ann is considered an exceptional athlete of her type but said "other people talk about me being exceptional but I don't think there is anything special about it. I just do my best".

Married to a mental health officer, Clive Burrow, who detests sport to such an extent that "he won't even watch the other Olympics", Ann, who competes under her maiden name, was a mere 2lbs 6ozs at birth.

"They didn't realise my mother was having twins — the other one died — and they suggested that I should be baptized straight away, just in case."

Even now she weighs only 7 st 10lb, the same weight at which she left The Spastics Society's Thomas Delarue School at Tonbridge, Kent with seven O levels and two A levels before going on to take an open university degree in psychology.

She followed by writing a post graduate thesis on the effect of disadvantage on the quality of life and says "people said to me 'Well you would go for something like that', but I was not just talking about physical disability, there are many forms of disadvantage".

She trains some 12 hours a week, winter and summer despite her progress being so painfully slow at times "that I feel I'm banging my head against a brick wall".

She adds however: "Sport has given me a better than average level of general health for a person of my disabilities. It has also given me many friends and much more confidence than I might have had.

"There is no doubt that being disabled does make you more determined though. Things are not always easy so you become determined whether you want to be or not.

"The problems for people like me include trying to persuade perspective employers, who have stereotype ideas about disabled people, to give me a job."

Since February Ann has worked as a sports officer for Bristol City Council and she beat off competition from a host of "normal" people to get it. "I have always worked but at the beginning I had to take jobs well below my qualifications."

Those qualifications should have earned her a post in the civil service as an Executive Officer at least. "Instead they offered me a job as a clerical assistant and I was so determined that I decided I didn't want to work for them anyway.

"One civil service personnel officer even asked me if I had taken any special GCE's for disabled people. I had to tell her that there aren't any."



Trotman: fighting chance

SNOOKER

FOOTBALL: SCOTS CELEBRATION FAILS TO BANISH THE REALITY THAT THE FLESH IS STILL WEAK IN ONE OR TWO PLACES

# Celtic imbibe the magic spirit of a European night

By Roddy Forsyth

There was no heady air of celebration about Celtic Park yesterday after the Scottish champions' buccaneering win over Honved, of Budapest: the players were allowed a deserved day's rest and the refurbished stadium offices were unusually placid.

When business resumes as usual today, however, Parkhead will be infected with a healthy confidence about the team's prospects in the tournament's second round, the draw for which will be made in Zurich at lunchtime. A scoreline of 4-0 on Wednesday night was far more emphatic than Celtic's recent play had led us to believe was possible, let alone likely; but as Tommy Craig, the Parkhead assistant manager, pointed out, the result was less important than the manner in which it was achieved.

"There is a particularly special atmosphere which seems to be a natural part of European football nights at Parkhead and we had always hoped that it would lift the team," he said. "When they started it was with the attitude that nobody was going to stop them and I think the players got rid of an awful lot of the frustration which has been building up in them when results have been going against them".

A striking feature of the contest was the realignment of Celtic's defence. Morris and Rogan operated as comparatively orthodox full backs and were less prone to being sucked forward into precarious attacking positions while McCarthy was rehabilitated, along with Whyte, in a central defensive partnership which largely staunched the flow of mistakes which have been so costly in recent weeks.

The performance of Alan Rough in goal has been the subject of much comment among the Celtic support. Three times he left his goal to break up Hungarian advances and his interventions included a headed clearance and a tackle outside his area to thwart an opponent.

"We didn't defend as far back as usual because Roughie volunteered to come out and cover behind the back four," he said. "In fact, he played like a sweeper at times and the three chances he mopped up were three near things."

Knowledgeable readers will have spotted the transmission error in our match report yesterday which suggested that Paul McStay had found a new role in central defence. In fact, McStay, in his habitual midfield place, was given new life by the physical support of Aitken and the astute contributions of Stark, who earned the description "brilliant" from Craig.

The result should not fool anyone into supposing that Celtic have miraculously healed their wounds. They are still three good players short of the kind of pool which might create alarm in a European tournament but, if the flesh requires reinforcement, the Celtic spirit appears to be restored to something like its old implacable self.



The Eagle has landed: Watford players hope to ascend the heights after receiving three-year sponsorship by Eagle Express

# Watford family image pays off

By Louise Taylor

Watford's wholesome family image has been instrumental in securing the second division club a two-season sponsorship agreement with Eagle Express, a delivery company and a subsidiary of Eagle Trust plc.

The agreement, which is index-linked to the degree of success enjoyed by the team, will be worth around £500,000 providing Watford win promotion and the company exercise an option to extend the arrangement to a third year.

"It's a first-division sponsorship for a second-division club, if we do reasonably well we could net £500,000," Eddie Plumley, the Watford chief executive, said as he announced the package, which was finalized in August, at Vicarage Road yesterday.

Gordon Kelly, the commercial director of Eagle Express, explained that Watford represented the sole League football sponsorship his company was prepared to consider undertaking.

"Watford, with its sound management and clean image, was in our opinion the only worthwhile sponsorship," he said.

David Featherstone, his managing director, added: "I said I wasn't prepared to get involved with football sponsorship because of the sport's image but I'm happy to be involved with Watford. It's a family club.

"I wouldn't take my children to many football grounds but I would be happy to bring them here."

Speaking on video from Los Angeles, where he is on tour, Elton John, Watford's pop-singer chairman, endorsed the sponsorship and wished it well. However, Plumley denied that it marked a cue for John to lessen his financial input to Watford.

Referring to John's attempts to sell his share in the club to Robert Maxwell last season, he said: "Elton merely wanted to secure Watford's financial position. He never wanted or intended to leave Watford and he is on tour in America in order to raise £1 million to buy new players. But it's essential that the club has a major sponsor on the financial side."

# Ajax unable to control their downward spiral

Paris (AFP) — Crisis clubs, Ajax Amsterdam and Atlético Madrid, plunged deeper into trouble on Wednesday when their hopes of salvaging their seasons with some European glory were shattered.

Ajax, who have managed to notch up only five points from seven matches in The Netherlands in one of their worst-ever starts to a league season, have so far been rocked by the sacking of Kurt Linder, their West German manager, the mass-resignation of their board of directors and by the setting-up of a government inquiry into allegations of fraud.

On Wednesday they made their exit from the UEFA Cup in front of 22,000 disappointed supporters when they crashed 1-2 in their return clash with Sporting Lisbon. The Portuguese club qualified 6-3 on aggregate.

Once-proud Atlético, who have won only one of their five league matches this season, beat Dutch opponents Groningen 2-1 but went out on the away goals rule.

Baltazar opened the scoring for the Spaniards from the penalty spot after just three minutes but Ten Cate scored the all-important goal for the visitors 17 minutes later. Futre scored a second Atlético goal five minutes into the second-half

# Aberdeen need pick-me-up

By Clive White

Aberdeen have promptly been given the chance to make amends for their early exit from the UEFA Cup against Dynamo Dresden on Wednesday. They could hardly wish for a more powerful pick-me-up than a dose of Rangers at Pittodrie tomorrow.

If Aberdeen could be accused of letting Scotland down — they were the only ones out of five Scottish clubs not to progress to the second round of European competition — the league meeting with Rangers presents them with the opportunity to do the rest of Scotland, as well as themselves, a favour by halting the Glasgow club's relentless march towards domestic honours.

Alec Smith, the Aberdeen manager, is grateful for such responsibility. "If we had had a league fixture against a lesser team it would have been difficult to lift the players. This one does so automatically. It seems to me Rangers are due a hiccup," he said.

Rangers are unbeaten in 14 games while Aberdeen's own run of 13 games without defeat came to an end in Dresden, although there was nothing unlucky about it other than the justified sending off after 38 minutes of David Robertson, their left back. The departure of a player whom Liverpool and Coventry City were both reported to be interested in last season was due more to inexperience than any malicious act. He was sent off for two bookings as he struggled to short-circuit the source of Dynamo's energy, Kirsten, their refreshingly quick and direct right winger.

With the initiative conceded after just four minutes, Aberdeen were ill equipped to redress the balance. Smith was forced to play without Hewitt and, unexpectedly, Nicholas because of injuries and their absence denied the Scots pace and cunning in attack.

Hewitt is troubled by an infection behind an ear which gives him pain whenever he runs and Nicholas is still feeling the effects of an ankle injury sustained in the first leg of this tie. Smith recognizes the importance of both players being fit to meet the challenge of Rangers, otherwise Aberdeen could find themselves falling by the wayside domestically as well as internationally.

# Knell gets Bingham's warm praise

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager who travelled to Wrexham on Wednesday to report the Linfield v Turun Palloseura UEFA Cup first round second leg tie for the BBC, was warm in his praise of Philip Knell, the Linfield midfield player (George Ace writes). "He was my man of the match; an extremely talented player with a lot of zip.

"It was a hard-fought game between two evenly matched sides. I thought a draw was a fair enough result."

It was a night of disappointment for Linfield. To go out on the away goal rule is always difficult, particularly when you score "away" from home, Linfield having to play the tie at Wrexham because of a two-match home ban by FIFA.

George O'Boyle scored the Linfield goal to square the match at 1-1 with 15 minutes remaining. He had only been on the field four minutes as a substitute for Mooney. The Finns led 1-nil at the interval through a goal by midfielder, Suominen. The first leg tie in Turku ended in a goalless result.

Glentoran scored a 1-1 draw at the Oval, Belfast, against Moscow Spartak in the European Champion's Cup to go out 3-1 on aggregate and Cardiff City proved too strong at Ninian Park defeating Derry City 4-nil after a goalless draw at the Brandywell. St Patrick's Athletic lost on a 4-nil aggregate to Heart of Midlothian and with Dundalk and Glenavon both well beaten no Irish club survived the first round

# Wilkinson next on Leeds' list

Sheffield Wednesday's Howard Wilkinson will be Leeds United's next target in their search for a manager to replace Billy Bremner.

● Charlton defender, Paul Miller has joined Watford.

● David Campbell, aged 23, Charlton's World Cup midfielder, has asked for a move.

● Rio's Vasco da Gama has sold star striker, Romario Faria, to PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands.

● Aldershot yesterday sacked Reg Driver, their managing director and secretary.

● Oldham Athletic are to sign Winston Dubose, the American international goalkeeper.

● Dave Watson, the England centre-half, is poised to return for Everton against Southampton at Goodison Park on Saturday.

● Manchester City have revealed a trading profit of £411,226 for the year ending May 31, 1988.

## Full support

The Football Supporters Association has welcomed the passing of an emergency resolution at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool, calling for supporters' representatives to be elected to the boards of football clubs.

# Murphy a hard act to follow

Non-League football By Paul Newman

The voice on the telephone at Cheltenham Town yesterday was surprisingly familiar. "Hello, this is John Murphy," it said. "I'm sorry there is no one in the office at the moment . . ."

The fact that nobody had changed the answer phone tape even five days after Murphy's resignation as manager was perhaps an indication of the huge void his departure has left at the GM Vauxhall Conference club. "He was a part-time manager in name only" Ken Turner, the secretary said. "No manager could have put more into a club than John did."

Murphy ended his 17-year association with the club — he joined as a player and has been manager for the last five years — after last Saturday's 3-0 defeat away to Gloucester City in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup. Cheltenham are also fourth from bottom of the Conference table.

"The performance at Gloucester was the worst I have ever been associated with," Murphy said. "I've always believed that players should do their best every time they go on the field, but I didn't think that was the case on Saturday. Losing to a team two leagues below us made me feel humiliated for the directors, who have always given me their total backing.

"Although our league position wasn't that bad there had been signs in performances recently that things weren't right. My thoughts and methods didn't seem to be getting through to the players and I didn't feel we were making as much progress as we should have been. A bit of complacency had crept in and I hope that my departure will have shaken the club sufficiently for it not to happen again."

Murphy has an outstanding record at Cheltenham and his influence was felt throughout the club. The attendance at his first home match in charge five years ago was 317, but by last season the average had risen to 1,332. He had helped revive the club's reserve and youth teams and his transfer dealings showed a profit of more than £40,000.

Murphy led Cheltenham to the Southern League Championship three years ago and they have finished in a respectable mid-table position in their first two years in the Conference. However, the club's playing fortunes took a turn for the worse after the departure in the middle of last season of Brett Angell and Mark Boyland, both prolific goal scorers.

Dave Lewis, manager of Cheltenham's Reserves has taken temporary charge of the first team whilst the post is advertised.

● Wealdstone have paid Maidstone United £5,000 for Alan Risk, a centre half. Risk played under Tony Jennings, Wealdstone's manager, at Dagenham.

● A Cameroon International with World Cup experience has signed for Hendon, the Vauxhall-Opel League leaders. Charlie Nyamark, aged 22, will be in London for two years studying law. Meanwhile, Chelsea are the latest club to show an interest in Ian Dowie, who has scored 13 goals for Hendon in 13 matches this season.

● Five players were sent off and another five booked as Newport County won 5-4 after extra time away to Yeovil Town in the Premier Inter League Cup on Wednesday. Yeovil, who led 3-0 until 17 minutes from the end of normal time, had Wallace, Pearson and Rutter dismissed, while Newport lost Millett and King.

● Reading have loaned Gary Phillips to Barnet after the Conference Club lost two goalkeepers in the space of five days last week. Steve Humphries, an England semi-professional international, will not play again this season after breaking his left leg for the second time in less than a year and Andy Lomas is out for at least a month with a dislocated shoulder.

## Non-event

Saint Etienne have cancelled a friendly match against Tottenham Hotspur on October 19

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Brentwood 1, Lancing 1; Hampton 4, Hereford HS 0; Highgate 1, Cardinal Vaughan 2; Shrewsbury 2, Wolverhampton GS 1.

HORSE TRIALS

# Clapham's impressive lead on Ricki Bee

By Gillian Newsum

"Tiny" Clapham took a commanding lead on Mr and Mrs Osborne's Ricki Bee on the first day of dressage at the Chatsworth Audi International three-day event in Derbyshire yesterday.

She is now over five points clear of second placed Antonia Gray, on Castlereagh, with Angela Tucker and Good Value in third.

Clapham rode an accurate active test on the eight-year-old Ricki Bee despite the wet and blustery conditions. This 16.3 hands gelding, which won at Tetbury two weeks ago, "doesn't get flustered" according to Clapham, but she found the new FEI dressage test, introduced for the first time at Chatsworth, more technical and demanding than the previous one.

The new test, which replaces the FEI test used since 1975, is being tried at three events this season — Chatsworth, Boeklo (in Holland) and Chesterfield (US) — so that any teething problems can be sorted out before it becomes the standard international test, and so far it has been well received.

Riders are delighted that it no longer includes the 20 metre circle at medium trot, and Antonia Gray commented that it gives horses a better chance to show themselves off, something of which she took full advantage when riding Colorgraphic Printers' Castlereagh to second place.

Only one point behind her is Angela Tucker, with Team Subaru's Good Value. This 13-year-old was bought by her sponsors from Robert Lemieux when he was forced to sell the promising 17.1 hands gelding after losing his own sponsors four years ago. Since then Good Value has completed Badminton and was placed sixth at Gatcombe in August.

Mark Todd, recently returned from his individual gold medal victory in Seoul, had a good ride on Merrill Lynch's and Mrs J Wright's Jued Lad to finish sixth, despite learning the dressage test only a few hours before his performance.

Todd, who also competed in the Olympic show jumping in Seoul, has barely "had time to sit down and catch breath". He arrived back in England on Tuesday afternoon and was at Chatsworth by lunchtime on Wednesday although his riding clothes, which came back in a trunk with his horses, did not catch up with him until midnight on Wednesday.

Today he rides the more experienced Peppermint Park, an Irish bred gelding who is a half brother to Ricki Bee and who should do a good test if the wind does not unsettle him. "I haven't sat on the horses for a month," Todd said yesterday. "I only hope I can do them justice."

RESULTS: 1 Mr and Mrs P Osborne's Ricki Bee (Tiny Clapham) 44.8; 2 Colorgraphic Printers' Castlereagh (Antonia Gray) 50.2; 3 Team Subaru's Good Value (Angela Tucker) 51.4; 4 Freeline Merangueng (Rachael Street) 52.0; 5 Samuel Benner's Warrendyte (Polly Lyon) 52.6; 6 Merrill Lynch and Mrs J Wright's Jued Lad (Mark Todd) 53.4.

## GOLF

SAYAMA: Japan Open championship: First round (Japan unless stated): 67: M Ozaki. 69: K Yoshimura. 70: Y Iwashita. 71: H Namiki. 72: T Kite (US), T Izawa.

HINOCHO, Japan: Tokyo women's tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 68: P Rizzo (US). 69: Y Ai-yu (Taiwan), M Hamada. 70: S Yamazaki, R Ito.

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: At Goodwood: 247: Churcher's (M Blackey 78, C Knight 87, N Redfearn 82). 249: Barton Peveril (J Roughton 87, P Harris 83, M Fox 79). 260: Weymouth Reath (G Hart 81, G Finura 81, J Lord 88). Best individual: 77: M Raphael (Worthing Sixth Form Coll). At Headingley: 268: Leeds GS (S Stephens 87, J Flint 95, M Ellis 84). 279: Guiseley (S Grandison 93, J Birkby 96, C Smith 90). Best individual: 84 (on countback): P Thacker (John Smeaton HS).

## ICE HOCKEY

AUTUMN TROPHY: Romford 3, Lee Valley 8.
LONDON CUP: Slough 12, Chelmsford 3.

SNOOKER

# Interviews baulked by Hearn embargo

By Steve Acteson

Should Steve Davis follow his success last month in the first ranking tournament of the snooker season by winning the second — the Rothmans Grand Prix — the final stages of which begin in Reading on Monday, an eerie silence will envelop the world champion.

The same scenario would apply if the world Nos. 2 or 3, Jimmy White and Neal Foulds, or any of Davis's other Matchroom team colleagues (barring Cliff Thorburn, who is still banned) were successful in their bid for the £65,000 winner's cheque.

For this tournament only, Davis and Co., on the advice of the Matchroom's lawyers, have become mute — or mutants if you prefer — as far as the media is concerned, in order to embarrass the sponsors, with whom their manager, Barry Hearn, has fallen out in a big way.

To recap briefly on the events leading up to this ridiculous situation, Hearn linked arms with Norwich Union to promote a grand prix circuit in continental Europe on similar lines to the existing Rothmans Matchroom league.

Rothmans, also piqued by his piracy of their grand prix label, withdrew their sponsorship of the league in a huff and Hearn promptly took recourse to law and put a gag on his players for the Rothmans Grand Prix.

Professional snooker players are subject to a rule of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), which states that they must attend post-match press conferences if required.

To Hearn, Rothmans and, indeed, the WPBSA, which is threatening disciplinary action against any Matchroom player who transgresses the rule, it is a serious matter. To the uncommitted onlooker, however, it seems a ludicrous and petty case of grown men hitting each other with their handbags.

Davis will not, in any case, be needed on Monday. His scheduled opening match has become a walkover following the suspension imposed upon Bill Werbeniuk for his continued use of a banned beta blocker.

Hearn, however, is unrepentent, saying: "We are not going to get the lads to go to interviews and then not say anything; that would be pathetic.

"Instead, we will not attend press or television interviews at all because we have been advised by our laywers not to say anything that may jeopardize our legal position. The rule is non-enforcible and even if the WPBSA took action it could only administer a slight wrap on the knuckles.

"We have written to the WPBSA asking for a special dispensation for this tournament while all the mud slinging is going on. It has all got a bit out of hand, but we are not going to over react, not even to the WPBSA chairman John Virgo writing a personal letter to Davis asking if he wished to resign as a member."

Stephen Hendry won his first major title when he carried off the Rothmans crown last year, and the young Scot begins his defence on Monday evening against Ian Williamson, of England.

Alex Higgins will also be in defensive mood in Reading on Monday, when he attempts to explain his conduct after the final of a minor tournament in Glasgow last month to a disciplinary committee of the WPBSA.

Higgins allegedly abused officials after refusing a drugs test that he later consented to — so long as he could produce his urine sample in a public toilet with the Press in attendance.

MONDAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: 3.00 p.m.: D Mountjoy (Wales) v M Fisher (Eng); J Virgo (Eng) v V Robidoux (Can). 7.30 p.m.: B Francisco (SA) v N Gilbert (Eng); S Hendry (Scot) v I Williamson (Eng); A Meo (Eng) v K Stevens (Can).

RUGBY UNION

# Hogg still waiting on apology

By Peter Bills

Simon Hogg, of Bristol, has yet to receive an apology from officials of the South West Division after his abortive call up to the team for the match against Leinster 10 days ago.

Hogg, a maths teacher at Taunton School, said: "Am I alone in believing that an apology is the very least I should have received? The whole thing was handled very poorly and that is the view of most people to whom I have spoken."

Hogg received the call at his school around 2 p.m. on the day of the match asking him to go straight to Bath. He was told he was playing because Stuart Barnes had withdrawn through injury. "I needed to borrow a car, dash home to get my kit and drive one and a half hours to Bath. When I got there they said sorry, Alan Rezza is playing instead. I could not believe it."

# Milne returns to bolster Heriot's ranks

David Milne, the Scotland B prop, returns to senior rugby tomorrow after a break of six months following an injury in a River Series Trophy match at the end of last season (Alan Lorimer writes).

Milne, who has won four caps at B level, will join his more famous brother, Iain, and younger brother, Ken, who has made one more appearance in the Scotland B side, to form a formidable front row in the Heriot's team to face Stewart's-Melville in tomorrow's McEwans National League match at Goldenacre.

His return to top-class rugby coincides with the enforced retirement, on medical advice, of another Scotland B prop, Gary Waite, of Kelso.

ICE SKATING

# Relief for Conway apparent to all

By John Hennessy

The trauma that Joanne Conway has lived through this last year or two was obvious from the way she was greeted after her free skating in the Skate Electric UK International at Richmond.

It was, technically, a programme of modest achievement, including only one triple jump and one double axel, but it left her with a glow on her face, and her new trainer, Robin Cousins, feeling, he said, "elated". Yet three years ago, at 14, she could have done the same triple salchow, with a couple of triple toe loops thrown in for good measure.

But injury and a weight problem, coupled no doubt with the biological changes that come with adolescence, steadily reduced her performance, with the result that she came to dread even appearing in public.

One feared for her at Richmond. Several attempts at the triple salchow went awry in warm-up, and when, at the start of her programme, her axel was only a single (although big enough to suggest that that was the intention anyway), another disappointment seemed in store.

But she then executed a perfect triple salchow and confidentially nailed the double axel. Though one triple jump in skating has its limitations, you could tell she knew she was back in business, her self-belief restored.

Conway won the free skating by eight judges to one from Charlene Wong, but that was not enough to displace the Canadian from first place overall.

The British champion now goes to Skate America the week after next with the same programme, but she and Cousins will then devise something new for the British championships at the NEC, Birmingham, in November. Cousins had said all along that that event was their first immediate objective.

RESULTS: Men: Original programme: 1, C Bowman (US), 0.6pts; 2, K Browning (Can), 1.2; 3, R Winkler (EG), 1.8; 7, S Cousins (GB), 4.2; 8, A Moore (GB), 4.8. Overall (after two elements): 1, Bowman, 1.4; 2, Browning, 2.4; 3, L Draaner (Den), 4.4; 7, Cousins, 7.4; 8, Moore, 8.4.

Women: Free skating: 1, J Conway (GB), 1.0; 2, C Wong (Can), 2.0; 3, S Schmid (Switz), 3.0; 9, G Fulton (GB), 9.0. Overall: 1, Wong, 3.8; 2, Conway, 4.2; 3, B Gelmini (It), 6.8; 9, Fulton, 16.0. Pairs: Free skating: 1, P Schwarz and A Koenig (EG), 1.0; 2, E Bechtke and D Petrov (USSR), 2.0; 3, C Peake and A Naylor (GB), 3.0; 4, L Cushley and N Cushley (GB), 4.0. Overall: 1, Schwarz and Koenig, 1.5; 2, Bechtke and Petrov, 3.0; 3, Peake and Naylor, 4.5; 4, Cushley and Cushley, 7.0. Ice dance: Original set patterns: 1, Usacva and Zhulin, 0.6; 2, M McDonald and M Mitchell (Can), 1.2; 3, S Semanick and R Kravetz (US), 1.8; 4, S Jones and P Askham (GB), 2.4; 7, L Bradby and A Towers (GB), 4.2. Overall (after two elements): 1, Usacva and Zhulin, 1.0; 2, Semanick and Kravetz, 3.0; 3, Jones and Askham, 3.2; 7, Bradby and Towers, 7.0.

MOTOR RACING

# New Watson venture

International racing driver John Watson is embarking on a new career in the new year. He has joined forces with Silverstone Circuit, of which he is already a director, in the formation of an all embracing John Watson Performance Driving Centre.

This new facility, which will be based at the Northamptonshire circuit, will embrace tuition for young racing drivers as well as for motorists anxious to improve their skill

Other elements of the driving centre will involve tuition in skid control utilising specially prepared vehicles running with outrigged castors incorporating rams which enable one end or the other of a car to be jacked up, thereby immediately transforming its driving characteristics and tyre adhesion.

FOR THE RECORD

## BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off: Los Angeles Dodgers 5, New York Mets 3 (best-of-seven series level 1-1).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-off: Oakland A's 2, Boston Red Sox 1 (Oakland lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

## BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: Hemel and Watford Royals 82 (Duncan 26, McGill 19), Derby Rams 75 (Humes 29, Sinclair 14).
CASERTA, Italy: Four-team tournament: Final: Aris Salonika 96, Yugoplastika 91 (ot).

## RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Charterhouse U Achilleos-Gray and R Lawson) bt Haileybury (N Du Boulay and A Freedman), 15-10, 15-5, 15-5, 15-2.

## BOXING

WEMBLEY: IBF world flyweight championship (12 rds): Duke McKenzie (GB) bt Rolando Bohol (Phil), ko 11th. Lightweights (8 rds): Grant Messias (SA) bt Lee Amess (Grivesend), rsc 5th. Welterweight (8 rds): Michael Hughes (St Pancras) bt Chris Blake (Croydon), rsc 6th. Welterweight (8 rds): Errol McDonald (Nottingham) bt Alfredo Reyes (Mex), ko 2nd. Welterweight (8 rds): Gary Logan (Brixton) bt Pepe Muir (Bestwig), rsc 3rd. Welterweights (4 rds): Derek Grainger (Eastmoat Green) bt Garry Beard (Nottingham), pts. Light-heavyweight (8 rds): Jimmy Peters (Southampton) by Michael Aubrey (Romford), pts.

## SNOOKER

SOUTHEND: LEP Matchroom championship: First round: D Taylor (N Ire) bt A Meo (Eng), 8-4; N Foulds (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 8-4.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Leeds 12, Hull 8; Halifax 8, Castleford 12.
GRUNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Salford 15, Warrington 2.

## RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 21, Penarth 18; Crosa Keys 34, Tredegar 16; Bridgend 22, Cardiff 6.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Lloyd's Insurance 20 Stock Exchange 3.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Cranbrook 4, Hurstpierpoint 14; Trinity, Croydon 3, KCS Wimbledon 24; Churcher's 22, Peter Symonds' 4; Cranleigh 22, RGS Guildford 10; Wellington HS 10, Purley 4; Emanuel 18, King Edward VI, Aston : Grimsby 4, Shipley 8; Queen's, Taunton 10, King's, Taunton 23; Pierrepont 56, Beanwood College 0; City of London Freeman's 4, Caterham 7; Queen Mary GS, Walsall 3, RGS Worcester 19; King Edward's 6, Bishop Vesey's 33; Denstone College 34, Highfield 3; Warwick 8, Bloxham 24; Windsor 0, Reading 24; Wrekin 13, King's, Worcester 18.

## SPEEDWAY

LONG EATON: Fourth International match: National League 44, Australia 52.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 53, Eastbourne 43.

## TENNIS

EASTBOURNE: LTA Women's Challenger tournament: Semi-finals: C Dahlman (Swe) bt A Bezmer (Ne), 6-3, 6-1; C Baldam (Neth) bt G Boschiero (It), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2. Doubles semi-finals: V Lake and A Simpkin bt A Grunfeld and J Louis, 6-2, 7-5; Baldam and S Schiller (Neth) bt Dahlman and A Garber (WG), 6-3, 6-3.
DARLINGTON: Pre-Kennex National Circuit: semi-finals: Women: K McLoughlin bt L Johnson, 6-2, 6-2; G Smith bt V Allpath, 6-3, 7-5.
BASLE: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: J Svensson (Swe) bt Z Kertesky (Switz), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; P Lundgren (Swe) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-2, 6-0; J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Bahrami (Iran), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; J Frana (Arg) bt G Saceanu (WG), 0-6, 6-2, 7-5; L Mayer (Br) bt T Smid (Cz), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
NEW ORLEANS: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): Fleitrowski: C Van Rensburg (SA) bt D Weiss (SA), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Second round: T Svensson (Swe) bt J Grabb, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; K Curren bt P Sampras, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; D Rostagno bt J Kriek, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.
BRISBANE: Queensland Open championships: Second round (Australia unless stated): C-U Steeb (WG) bt E Jelen (WG), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; S Mayotte (Aust) bt G Mortazavi (Can), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; B Dyke bt S Barr, 6-1, 7-5; T Mayotte (US) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-3, 6-0; R Fromberg bt J Frawley, 6-3, 6-3.

## YACHTING

GENEVA: 60s European championships (results applied to protest): First race: 1, C Lara and F Jain (Den); 2, N Clow and V Zacharsson (Swe); 3, D Peacock and S Peters (GB); 4, K and P Bergstrom (Swe); 5, J Erdmann and S Harder (WG). Second race: 1, B Pedersen and S Storm (Den); 2, Bergstrom and Bergstrom; 3, Lara and Jain; 4, T Jacob and R Jegou (Den); 5, J Papauzsky and P Ephack (Fr); 6, M Spence and J Ward (GB). Overall: 1, Lara and Jain; 2, Bergstrom and Bergstrom; 3, Pedersen and Storm; 4, Peacock and Peters; 5, Erdmann and Harder.

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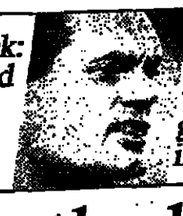
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# Life in the fast lane as a learner driver hits the big time

# Woosnam has to match his word with a big deed

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Joey Sindelar and Jeff Sluman yesterday prised open the door on an exciting new era in United States golf with resounding first-round victories in the Suntory World Match Play Championship on the West Course at Wentworth.

Sindelar overcame Barry Lane by 5 and 4 and Sluman, like his compatriot from upstate New York, moved to an equally impressive success as he trounced Nobuo Serizawa, of Japan, by 6 and 5.

Both of the amiable Americans are well aware that to claim a famous win there is still a mammoth task ahead. Sluman must initially take on Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, in the second round today when Sindelar is challenged by Nick Faldo.

Yet there can be no dispute that they have already made an impact on this championship which their compatriots, Larry Mize, Scott Simpson and Sam Randolph, who all lost their opening matches, failed to achieve a year ago.

Only one American has won this title in the last 12 years and successive reversals in the Ryder Cup have helped to dilute their reputation abroad. Sindelar admitted: "The era of Nicklaus, Watson and Trevino has faded. There has been a gap in American golf but we have a whole bunch of new guys ready and waiting to come through."

Even so, Woosnam had boasted on the eve of this event that it would develop into an exclusive European affair. His task now is to turn those words into deeds and Sluman will be a resolute opponent.

Sluman refused to be agitated by the decision of the organizers not to seed him even though he is the US PGA champion. Instead he showed his character on a course saturated by a morning downpour which led to play being suspended for one hour.

At that point, and after seven holes, he was all square with Serizawa but thereafter he took control. Sluman won three of the last four holes with birdies during the morning session and he was approximately three under par by the time he shook hands with his Japanese rival at the 31st hole.

Sindelar is such a prodigious striker that the West Course, despite playing almost as long as it can, could not intimidate him. He has patiently waited for another opportunity to emphasize his prowess on this course after losing in 1985 to Woosnam in the first round.

What troubled Sindelar most was the examining wind which swirled, as it always does, through the towering trees. Lane, however, was the first to concede that he did not play to the best of his ability, although he can be forgiven for that.

This was the first real occasion that he has felt the nervous tweak of playing in the fast lane. For Lane this baptism must be recognized as part of the learning process on which he can look back should he, as I expect, aspire to Ryder Cup status next year.

Sindelar, three up after five holes, gave Lane little chance to redress the situation. He had three twos in the morning, holing from 10 feet, eight feet and 27 feet, and for good measure another at the second (20th) in the afternoon when he struck a seven-iron to 15 feet. That took him five up and he stretched his advantage to seven by virtue of winning the next two holes.

Lane contributed to his own downfall because of a lack of authority on the greens, although to his credit he clawed his way back so that he was three down with seven holes to play.

Then at the 12th (30th) he contrived to deposit the ball with his second shot into the raincoat of an unsuspecting spectator. He was indirectly penalized because when he took his free drop the ball finished in a heel mark. Sindelar played a delightful pitch to eight feet to set up a birdie but Lane finished some 30 feet away from where he took two putts. Two holes later and Sindelar, the N.o 1 on the American money list, was through.

The umbrellas were raised once again late in the day not only as protection against the rain but to salute a third American victory with Mark McCumber overcoming Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, on the last green.

It was a fascinating encounter in which McCumber holed a chip of 75 feet and two putts of more than 35 feet on his way to establishing a three-hole lead with 10 to play. McNulty, however, chiselled away at his deficit with such success that he stood one up with four to play after winning the short 14th with a five-iron to three feet. McCumber was square again when his rival drove into the trees at the next and he extracted a birdie from each of the last three holes eventually to overcome McNulty's brave resistence.

McCumber, the US players' champion, will meet Severiano Ballesteros while Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, defeated Rodger Davies, of Australia, by 2 and 1, so that he plays Sandy Lyle.

### Tee-off times

Second round

08.30 and 13.00: I Woosnam (GB) v J Sluman (US).

08.45 and 13.15: N Faldo (GB) v J Sindelar (US).

09.00 and 13.30: S Lyle (GB) v N Price (SA).

09.15 and 13.45: S Ballesteros (Sp) v M McCumber (US).



Slip road ahead: Lane was nudged off course by Sindelar as the new American golf machine went into gear at Wentworth

## A short stop does not help Davis

By Mel Webb

Golf, like all the great games, is enlivened by players to make the pulses race, but even more, perhaps, by players to make the blood boil. In that respect the match between Nick Price and Rodger Davis was a disappointment. Both are so infernally pleasant.

So, when Price sank the five-foot putt which gave him a 2 and 1 victory it produced a curious mix of pleasure for the nice guy who won; counterpointed by sympathy, for the nice guy who lost.

The last time Price was seen in this country was when he gave Severiano Ballesteros a blow for blow battle in the final round of the Open Championship before finishing second. He did almost the same thing in 1982 — and the impression was that the Zimbabwean was a charming man who did not win much.

Yesterday that impression was partly laid to rest when he stuck to his task in the face of a determined onslaught by his Australian opponent in the gloaming of a long, hard day on the Burma Road. In the morning Price bettered Davis by five strokes — 68 to 73 — and went into lunch four up.

Things did not change much until the involuntary help given by a spectator at the seventh. An approach from Davis whistled through the green, and appeared to be heading for Sunningdale until it bounced back off the head of a woman standing behind the green. "Lucky shot," muttered an unfeeling onlooker.

It was: he made the 20-foot putt for a birdie three, and fame, Andy Warhol-like, was if temporarily, visited upon Pam Turner, who was presented with the ball by Davis.

### The hole by hole guide to yesterday's matches at Wentworth

| HOLE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | |
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| J Sluman | W | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 up | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | 6 and 5 |
| N Serizawa | C | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | C | 4 | 5 | 6 | | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | C | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | |
| J Sindelar | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 up | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | | | 5 and 4 |
| B Lane | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | | | | | |
| R Davis | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| N Price | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 up | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | 2 and 1 |
| M McNulty | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | C | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| M McCumber | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 up | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 up |

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## Butcher adamant of more to come

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

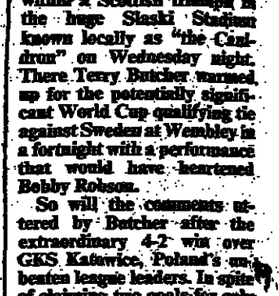
English comfort was enclosed within a Scottish triumph in the huge Slaski Stadium known locally as "the Cauldron" on Wednesday night. There Terry Butcher warmed up for the potentially significant World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden at Wembley in a fortnight with a performance that would have heartened Bobby Robson.

So will the comments uttered by Butcher after the extraordinary 4-2 win over GKS Katowice, Poland's unbeaten league leaders. In spite of claiming two goals for only the second time in his career, he professes that he is not yet at his sharpest. He suggests that there is room for "10% - 15%" improvement.

On the flight home he complied with a photographer's wishes, sat at the controls in the cockpit and donned the captain's hat. The pose was appropriate. The central defender, who has yet to complete his own recovery, led that of his club with a couple of clean headers.

In matching the feat he achieved with Ipswich Town against Swindon in a Milk Cup tie some three years ago, he effectively lifted Rangers into the second round of the UEFA Cup. "Mark Walters and Ray Wilkins put the ball in the right spot and luckily my head did the rest."

Although his defensive work was significantly tighter than in the first leg, Butcher is convinced that "there is some



Butcher: carved two goals

way to go" before his recuperation from a broken leg is complete. But his performance "helped enormously" and he now eagerly awaits the Swedes.

"I hope to peak then, like all of the other players in the side," he said. "It is a very important game for Mr Robson and for the country." Neither Butcher nor his England colleagues, Stevens and Woods, is certain to be available for the match in Saudi Arabia next month. The original venue, Morocco, has been altered.

Rangers, scheduled in the same week to meet Hamilton Academical in the premier division, are not obligated to release them for international duties. Having scored a psychological point in Silesia, Butcher relishes the prospect of returning to Poland for another World Cup fixture.

He does not disguise his respect for the two players he will probably oppose in the same arena. Furtok, a centre forward who has attracted the interests of Hamburg and Rapid Vienna, and Rudi, a busy and consistently creative influence in midfield, are "a bit special."

Gough admitted that Furtok, whose proposed transfer may be blocked by Poland's Minister for Sport, embarrassed him midway through the first half with a sudden turn and burst of speed. "He was off so quickly that it felt as though somebody had nailed my feet to the floor."

Graeme Souness, equally impressed by Katowice's captain, intends to acquire some established internationals. Even though the Rangers' player-manager has already spent more than £7 million on building his present side, he says that he "needs four of them and money is not a problem. It depends simply on their availability."

Although he would not specify which areas he wants to improve, Rangers are weaker on the left flank. They were too strong overall for Katowice.

The emphatic away victory (Durrant and Ferguson widened the margin to 5-2 on aggregate) has been matched in Souness's memory only once before. While he was at Liverpool "we did score four in Europe, but only against a Finnish side. That confirms how good a performance it was in Poland."

## Meeting's fate lies with the Emperor

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Tokyo

Life goes on after the Olympics, albeit precipitously in the case of the Emperor. So does athletics. And so do its problems. But there does seem an increasing will to deal with the worst of them, drugs.

The accord signed by Marat Gramov and Robert Helmick, the Soviet and United States' Olympic chiefs, last week to institute cross-border drug testing was given more substance when Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, the Soviet head athletics coach, revealed yesterday that over a dozen Soviet athletes had been suspended after positive tests this season.

Ter-Ovanesyan, who competed in five Olympic Games as a long-jumper, said: "We did more than 1,000 tests this year, and disqualified between 13 and 15 people." He said that the tests were conducted at all levels of competition, as well as in training camps — "during the period when we know people take drugs" — and that several of the athletes had Olympic pretensions, although he did not name any of them.

"We intend to go on this way," he said. "Talking about it doesn't make any difference. In our country, we want to make it a rule to send people to prison."

While it may be possible to legislate against drugs, it is difficult to ensure against the death of an Emperor, especially one who started off life as a God. If Hirohito dies within the next 24 hours — and his illness is engendering more statistics on pulse rate, blood pressure etc than the Tokyo Stock Exchange — the organizers of the post-Olympic meeting here tomorrow stand to lose a packet.

Toshiba and the Asahi media group have invested 300 million Yen (about £1.4 million) in the meeting. And, although the contingency plan to postpone for a day if the Emperor died before last night was dropped, it is accepted that the live television coverage cannot go ahead if his death occurs before tomorrow afternoon.

As it is, the projected highlight, a Ben Johnson-Carl Lewis rematch, has gone down the (test) tube. And it is understood that Linford Christie was no longer the organizers' cup of tea after his pseudo-ephedrine case. But there are athletes from 23 countries, who won 56 Olympic medals (27 golds) between them. The policy of only having Seoul Olympians, which excluded Sebastian Coe, now seems to have been dropped, since Stanley Floyd and Dieudonné Kwizera are in the fields.

Colin Jackson — even more intent on having a go at Lynn Davies's national long jump record next year — figures in one of the many Olympic rematches when he, as silver medal winner, meets Roger Kingdom (gold), and Tonie Campbell (bronze) in the high hurdles.

Yvonne Murray, bronze in the 3000 metres, meets the winner, Tatyana Samolenko, in the 1500 metres. Mark Rowland, steeplechase bronze, runs the 1500 metres. Wendy Sly competes in the 10000 metres, and Diane Edwards in the 800 metres.

### Willis on top

Tony Willis, the former British lightweight champion, will top the bill against Juan Arroyo, a Puerto Rican on the first show promoted by Pat Cowdell, twice a world title contender, at Edgbaston on Monday.

## Richards may go to lock

By David Hands

The theory that Dean Richards, England's No. 8 in 14 internationals, would serve his country better at lock forward gained substance yesterday. Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said he hoped to pair Richards with Wade Dooley in the B side which plays the Australians at Sale on October 22 and that, if the experiment proved successful, it could be carried through to senior level.

It is not a policy with which Richards necessarily agrees and Leicester, his club, may be reluctant to break up a most effective back row, even in the national interest.

Cooke has, however, asked Peter Wheeler, the Leicester coach, whether Richards could be played in the second row before the B international.

Cooke said: "Dean expressed some reluctance and after I had told him my reasons we left it at that. I see the B game, with no restrictions on the amount of capped players we can use, as the ideal opportunity to have a look at this. He is not the quickest thing on two legs and we might also benefit from having a little more pace in the back row."

Richards, first capped in 1986 and who played in the second row in schools internationals, said: "There are a lot of players as good, if not better, than me at second row so why pick me there? I would much prefer to play No. 8 because that's my best position."

Were Richards to move up, a vacancy would occur for David Egerton (Bath) or possibly, looking further ahead, Dean Ryan (Saracens). The experiment would, however, deprive England of Richards's individual — almost unique — skills as a reader of the game from the back row. Curiously another international No. 8, Phil Davies, of Wales, is playing effectively in Llanelli's second row.

● England flank forward, Peter Winterbottom, is expected to join Harlequins officially some time next week. Winterbottom arrived back in Britain from a winter in South Africa on Tuesday.

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## De Taya can keep head above water

By Patricia Davies

The British weather would not feature on a list of Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya's favourite things and her worst fears must have been realized at Stoke Poges yesterday morning, when rain interrupted her first round in the Laing Charity Classic after only one hole. Eighty minutes later Taya resumed, apparently unperturbed, for she returned a 67, six under par, to share the lead with the veteran American, Peggy Conley.

Also encouraging, from a French point of view, was the fact that Alison Nicholas, Taya's nearest challenger at the top of the money list, struggled in the blustery conditions and found herself 10 shots adrift after a 77.

Taya had last week off at home with her daughter while Nicholas was winning in Guernsey and the Frenchwoman smiled ruefully that that was the third time this season Nicholas had won a tournament she had sat out.

She admitted to feeling the pressure on the first tee but opened with a birdie and on the re-start a three-wood to 20ft for an eagle three at the fifth calmed any nerves that might have been jangling. A birdie two followed at the seventh and a four at the ninth, a par five, saw her out in 32, five under.

LEADING SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 67: M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr); P Conley (US). 70: B Huber; T Hammond; S Baggs (US). 71: D Reid; C Griffiths; E Glass; A Jones (Aus). 72: S Van Wyk (SA); M Marshall (US); J Brown; C Panton; L Davies. 73: P Grice-Whittaker; C Dibnah (Aus); M Burton; C Hayller; T Fernando (Sri Lanka).

## Soviets strengthen the America's Cup entry

San Diego (AP) — Four Soviet yacht clubs have registered as challengers for the America's Cup regatta, scheduled for 1991. San Diego Yacht Club, the holder, has received challenges from Tallin, Leningrad, Odessa and Poti.

"The Soviet challenges represent an exciting era for the America's Cup," Tom Ehman, vice-president and general manager of Sail America, SDYC's defense manager, said. "The Soviets are tough competitors in Olympic yachting."

SDYC, whose victory over New Zealand last month is being contested in court, has received 11 other challenges from Great Britian (three), Australia (two), Japan (three), France, Italy, and Sweden. The challenge deadline is November 8.

"I am absolutely delighted because it will add to the scale of the event and make it a truly international race," said Graham Walker, who heads one of Britain's challengers.

"A lot of research and development goes into designing a yacht for the race and I'm sure the Russians have all the necessary skills and technology," he said.

Peter de Savary, another challenger, has invited the Soviets to inspect his yachting centre in Falmouth, where his Blue Arrow yacht was designed, and to take part in next summer's races at Cowes.

"There are many centres in Russia for yachting, including the Black Sea, and the sport is extremely popular," said a spokesman for de Savary. "The America's Cup is a friendly competition between nations and the more countries which take part, the better the racing will be."

SPORT IN BRIEF

### Future is assured

The Lombard RAC Rally is poised to become the longest running sponsorship agreement in motor sport following the signing of a five-year extension deal, worth £4 million.

Terry Lankshear, general secretary of the RAC Motor Sports Association, said: "The new agreement will enable us to boost the prize fund and expand our training programme."

### Two banned

Two runners from Botswana, Charles Khudube and Elias Morope, have been banned from competing in Sunday's London to Brighton road race. The Amateur Athletic Association yesterday confirmed the pair are not eligible because they have broken IAAF rules by running in South Africa.



Benn: comeback road

### New director

The International Table Tennis Federation, pleased with the debut of its sport in the Olympic Games, has followed it up with the appointment of its first Promotions and Sponsorship Director. He is an Englishman, Mike Lawless, who was the director of the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham. He will start his new job at the beginning of next month.

### Offers sought

Mike Barrett yesterday called for television chiefs to "make me an offer" for the right to screen the comeback of Nigel Benn, Britain's brightest prospect, on October 26. Benn, who has been inactive since walking out on Frank Warren in June, will defend his Commonwealth title and unbeaten record against Jamaican Anthony Logan at the Royal Albert Hall. Barrett, having himself parted company this summer from long-time partner Mickey Duff, is staging the show with Terry Marsh and Frank Maloney.

### All clear

The British featherweight champion, Paul Hodkinson, has been cleared to resume boxing after a medical check on his left knee injury. Hodkinson was advised to take a fortnight's break from road work.